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Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2011, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 18th and 20th meetings, on 15 November and 2 December 2011. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/66/SR.18 and 20).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (A/66/375);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/66/545).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.5

4. At its 20th meeting, on 2 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" (A/C.5/66/L.5), submitted by the representative of Serbia and Vice-Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.5 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012,[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1991 (2011) of 28 June 2011, by which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Stabilization Mission until 30 June 2012,

Recalling also its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 65/296 of 30 June 2011,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

2. *Emphasizes* the need for the Secretary-General to make every effort to ensure that technical and logistical support is provided for the elections in full and on time in accordance with the mandate given to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

3. *Takes note* of paragraphs 22 and 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

Financing arrangements for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

4. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the amount of 69,560,100 United States dollars for the support of elections in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, in addition to the amount of 1,507,538,900 dollars previously appropriated for the Mission for the same period under the terms of its resolution 65/296, inclusive of 1,416,926,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 76,783,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 13,829,000 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

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[1] A/66/375.

[2] A/66/545.

Financing of the appropriation

5. *Also decides*, taking into account the amount of 1,507,538,900 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 65/296 for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 69,560,100 dollars for the same period, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2011 and 2012, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

6. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

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Question of Cyprus

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Letter dated 5 December 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 4 August 2011 (A/65/923-S/2011/493), I have the honour to draw your attention to ongoing violations of the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded from 1 August to 28 October 2011, as follows.

On 1 August 2011, six F-16 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 2 August 2011, two F-16, one Cougar and one S-70 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 3 August 2011, one Cougar, one C-160, one CN-235 and two Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 4 August 2011, one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 5 August 2011, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 8 August 2011, four Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 10 August 2011, two Cougar, two F-4, one CN-235 and one C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

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On 11 August 2011, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 12 August 2011, one Cougar and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 16 August 2011, two F-16, one CN-235 and one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 17 August 2011, one B-204 and one B-200 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 18 August 2011, one CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 22 August 2011, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 23 August 2011, three CN-235, two F-16 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 24 August 2011, three CN-235, one C-130 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 25 August 2011, three CN-235 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 30 August 2011, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 4 September 2011, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 7 September 2011, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 8 September 2011, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 9 and 11 September 2011, one GLF-4 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 13 September 2011, one CN-235 and two F-4 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 14 September 2011, two F-16, two CN-235, one B-200 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 15 September 2011, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 16 and 18 September 2011, two F-16, two S-70 and four CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations nine times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus seven times.

On 19 September 2011, two F-4, one CN-235, two S-70 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 20 September 2011, two F-16, seven CN-235, four S-70 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations 17 times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus 14 times.

On 21 September 2011, two F-16, two CN-235, two S-70 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 22 September 2011, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 26 September 2011, three S-70 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 27 September 2011, two F-16, three CN-235, one S-70, one Cougar and one C-560 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations 10 times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus 8 times.

On 28 September 2011, two F-16, three CN-235, two Cougar and one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations nine times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus seven times.

On 29 September 2011, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 30 September 2011, two F-16, two S-70, one CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 3 October 2011, two F-4, four CN-235, one Cougar and two S-70 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations 12 times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus 10 times.

On 4 October 2011, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 5 October 2011, two CN-235 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 7 and 9 October 2011, two CN-235, two S-70 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 11 October 2011, two F-16 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 12 October 2011, four F-16, one CN-235 and one B-200 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 13 October 2011, four F-16, two F-4 and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 17 October 2011, two F-16 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 19 October 2011, two F-16, one CN-235, one C-160 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 20 October 2011, two F-16 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 21 October 2011, two F-16 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 24 October 2011, four F-16 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 25 October 2011, two CN-235 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 26 October 2011, two CN-235, four F-16, one B-200 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 27 and 28 October 2011, one C-160 and two F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On behalf of my Government, I strongly protest the continuing violations by Turkey of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus and call for their immediate cessation.

These systematic abuses by Turkey of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus blatantly violate international law and air traffic regulations and seriously jeopardize the safety of international aviation in the region. Such actions are particularly counterproductive at the present period of ongoing negotiations in search of a just, lasting and peaceful solution to the Cyprus problem.

Cyprus, once again, calls upon the Turkish Government to abide by the Charter of the United Nations and its international obligations and respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of all Member States of the United Nations. Rather than pursuing this decidedly provocative path, Turkey should heed the call of the international community and act in a constructive spirit to create the necessary conditions for reaching a viable solution to the Cyprus problem, in accordance with the agreed basis for such a solution, endorsed by numerous Security Council resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Minas A. **Hadjimichael**

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Report of the Human Rights Council

Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth sessions and its fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth special sessions

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The General Assembly, in part V of its resolution 63/263, endorsed the conclusion contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/629) concerning the merit of an annual presentation to the Assembly of the revised estimates arising from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council. In its resolution 65/281, the Assembly decided to consider through its Fifth Committee all financial implications emanating from the resolutions and decisions contained in the annual report of the Human Rights Council, including those emanating from its September session. The present report therefore details budgetary requirements estimated at $10,573,700 for the biennium 2010-2011 and $13,261,800 for the biennium 2012-2013 resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth regular sessions and its fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth special sessions, held in 2011, as contained in its report to the General Assembly (A/66/53 and Add.1). It is proposed to meet the amount of $10,573,700 from the resources already appropriated for the biennium 2010-2011 in accordance with the expenditure performance reported in the context of the second performance report of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The amount of $13,261,800 envisaged for the biennium 2012-2013 will be considered in the context of the contingency fund for the biennium 2012-2013. It is also proposed to establish 6 new posts (1 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 P-2/1 and 2 General Service (Other level)) under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

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I. Introduction

1. The present annual report is in line with the conclusion of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/63/629, para. 10), endorsed by the General Assembly in part V of its resolution 63/263, on the merit of an annual presentation to the General Assembly of the revised estimates arising from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council. The General Assembly, in its resolution 65/281, decided to consider through its Fifth Committee all financial implications emanating from the resolutions and decisions contained in the annual report of the Human Rights Council, including those emanating from its September session. The present report is submitted to inform the Assembly of the requirements resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth regular sessions and its fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth special sessions, held in 2011 (A/66/53 and Add.1). It should be noted that the requirements, if any, resulting from the resolutions or decisions adopted at the eighteenth special session of the Council will be considered in the next annual report.

2. The Council adopted a number of resolutions and decisions by which it authorized relevant human rights bodies and special procedures to continue or undertake additional activities, including meetings. Accordingly, under rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Council was provided, where appropriate, with a statement of programme budget implications prior to the adoption of those resolutions and decisions. In addition, the Council was informed that the detailed resource requirements would be submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration and approval in the context of the annual report on the revised estimates.

3. For those resolutions and decisions that were orally revised prior to adoption by the Council, the revisions introduced did not impact the statements of programme budget implications submitted to the Council.

4. Some of the requirements resulting from resolutions adopted by the Council relate to activities of a "perennial nature", for which provisions have already been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $12,138,200. They will continue to be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for mandates extended beyond the current biennium, and no additional appropriation is required in this regard.

5. The programme budget implications arising from the resolutions adopted at the Council's sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth sessions and its fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth special sessions give rise to additional requirements of $10,573,700 for the biennium 2010-2011. It is the intention of the Secretary-General to accommodate the amount of $10,573,700 from within the existing appropriation of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. As regards the additional amount of $13,261,800 envisaged for the biennium 2012-2013, it is proposed to consider the related additional appropriation in the context of the contingency fund for the biennium 2012-2013. It is also proposed to establish 6 new posts (1 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 P-2/1 and 2 General Service (Other level)) under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013. All of the requirements (new and perennial) are summarized in the annex to the present report.

6. In order to accommodate the additional resource requirements in the biennium 2010-2011, especially with regard to the resolutions adopted at the Council's fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth special sessions, it was continuously proposed that the Council seek urgent consideration by the General Assembly of the additional requirements arising from its resolutions S-15/1, S-16/1 and S-17/1, which could hardly be met from within available resources. The Secretary-General's report on the financing of unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising from resolutions and decisions of the Human Rights Council (A/66/558) is now before the General Assembly.

7. In its resolutions 16/2, 16/4, 16/5, 16/6, 16/7, 16/9, 16/14, 16/16, 16/23, 16/24, 16/26, 16/33, 17/1, 17/3, 17/6, 17/12, 17/13, 17/17, 17/25, 18/6, 18/7, 18/11, 18/20 and 18/23, and decisions 18/118 and 18/119, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide all the resources and assistance necessary for the effective fulfilment of the mandates and/or to implement the requested activities "within existing resources". In each related programme budget implications statement, the attention of the Human Rights Council was drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B and subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution 64/243, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

II. Additional requirements relating to the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council

A. Resolution 16/2: The human right to safe drinking water and sanitation

8. In paragraphs 4 and 5 (h) of resolution 16/2, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the current mandate holder as a special rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation for a period of three years;

(b) Encouraged the Special Rapporteur to continue to report, on an annual basis, to the Council and to the General Assembly.

9. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $566,200 per biennium or $283,100 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the Special Rapporteur, experts and staff and general operating expenses during field missions, under section 23 ($123,900). No additional appropriations will be required as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

B. Resolution 16/4: Freedom of opinion and expression: mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression

10. Under the terms of paragraphs 2 and 5 of resolution 16/4, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression for a further period of three years;

(b) Requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly covering all activities relating to his/her mandate, with a view to maximizing the benefits of the reporting process.

11. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $476,000 per biennium or $238,000 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($78,800). No additional appropriations will be required as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

C. Resolution 16/5: Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders

12. Under the terms of paragraphs 2 and 2 (g) of resolution 16/5, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders for a period of three years;

(b) Requested the Special Rapporteur to report regularly to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly.

13. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $479,000 per biennium or $239,500 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($80,300). No additional appropriations will be required as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

D. Resolution 16/6: Mandate of the independent expert on minority issues

14. Under the terms of paragraphs 9 and 9 (g) of resolution 16/6, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the independent expert on minority issues for a period of three years;

(b) Requested the independent expert to submit annual reports on his/her activities to the Council, including recommendations for effective strategies for the better implementation of the rights of persons belonging to minorities.

15. The mandate of the Independent Expert falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $443,200 per biennium or $221,600 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the independent expert and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($62,400). No additional appropriations will be required as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the independent expert, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

E. Resolution 16/7: Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

16. Under the terms of paragraphs 2, 5 and 8 of resolution 16/7, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, for a period of three years;

(b) Requested the Special Rapporteur to report to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work;

(c) Requested the Secretary-General to ensure that the reports of the Special Rapporteur were brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women, the General Assembly and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and requested the Special Rapporteur to present an oral report annually to the Commission.

17. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $481,000 per biennium or $240,500 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($81,300). No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the

activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

F. Resolution 16/8: Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

18. Under the terms of paragraphs 3, 7 and 8 of resolution 16/8, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 13/14, for a period of one year;

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all assistance and adequate staffing necessary to carry out his mandate effectively and to ensure that the mechanism worked with the support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

(c) Invited the Special Rapporteur to submit regular reports on the implementation of his mandate to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly.

19. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $63,700 per annum, including travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff and general operating expenses during field missions. No additional appropriations will be required as a result of the adoption of the resolution. It is expected that the mandate of the Special Rapporteur will be extended for another year in 2012. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

G. Resolution 16/9: Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

20. Under the terms of paragraph 1 of resolution 16/9, the Human Rights Council decided to appoint a special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, to report to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly, to present an interim report to the Assembly at its sixty-sixth session and to submit a report to the Council for its consideration at its nineteenth session.

21. The adoption of resolution 16/9 gives rise to additional requirements under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $405,300 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($246,100).

22. As a result of the adoption of this new mandate by the Human Rights Council, additional provisions of $405,300 will be required under the programme budget for

the biennium 2010-2011 to implement the requested activities. The Council was, however, informed that all possible efforts would be made to absorb the additional requirements of $405,300 within the existing resources under sections 2 and 23 and to report thereon in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011.

H. Resolution 16/11: Human rights and the environment

23. Under the terms of paragraph 1 of resolution 16/11, the Human Rights Council requested the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in consultation with and taking into account the views of Member States, relevant international organizations and intergovernmental bodies, including the United Nations Environment Programme and relevant multilateral environmental agreements, special procedures, treaty bodies and other stakeholders, to conduct, within existing resources, a detailed analytical study on the relationship between human rights and the environment, to be submitted to the Human Rights Council prior to its nineteenth session.

24. As a result of the adoption of resolution 16/11 by the Human Rights Council, additional requirements of $50,400 under general temporary assistance, representing 3 work-months of a P-4 level staff member, arise under section 23 of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 to prepare the detailed analytical study. In addition, $7,500 will be required under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

25. As the estimated additional requirements of $50,400 have not been included in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, the Council was informed that all possible efforts would be made to absorb those requirements within the existing resources under section 23 and to report thereon in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011.

26. No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution.

I. Resolution 16/12: Rights of the child: a holistic approach to the protection and promotion of the rights of children working and/or living on the street

27. Under the terms of paragraph 20 of resolution 16/12, the Human Rights Council welcomed the work and contributions of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, and decided to extend for a period of three years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur, in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 7/13 of 27 March 2008.

28. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $476,000 per biennium or $238,000 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff and general operating expenses

during field missions under section 23 ($78,800). No additional appropriations will be required as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

J. Resolution 16/14: Mandate of the independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

29. Under the terms of paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 7 of resolution 16/14, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the independent expert for a period of three years;

(b) Requested the independent expert to explore further, in his/her analytical annual report to the Human Rights Council, the interlinkages with trade and other issues, including HIV/AIDS, when examining the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights, and also to contribute, as appropriate, to the process entrusted with the follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development with a view to bringing the broad scope of his/her mandate to its attention;

(c) Also requested the independent expert to continue to seek the views and suggestions of States, international organizations, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, regional economic commissions, international and regional financial institutions and non-governmental organizations on the draft general guidelines with a view to improving them, as appropriate, and to present the updated guidelines to the Human Rights Council;

(d) Requested the Secretary-General to provide the independent expert with all necessary assistance, in particular the staff and resources required for the effective fulfilment of his or her mandate, including sufficient budgetary resources for the implementation of the activities envisaged in Human Rights Council resolution 11/5, as well as to facilitate his/her participation in and contribution to the follow-up process of the International Conference on Financing for Development.

30. The mandate of the Independent Expert falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $473,000 per biennium or $238,000 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the independent expert and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($77,300).

31. As a result of the adoption of resolution 16/14, it is envisaged that additional resources totalling $80,500 will be required (a) to provide for conference services for a 2-day expert meeting for consultation with States and relevant stakeholders ($14,200) under section 2 and (b) to provide for travel of the independent expert and

of 10 participants in the expert meeting ($66,300) under section 23 of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

32. Provision for the estimated additional requirements of $80,500, to respond to the terms of the resolution, has not been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The Council was, however, informed that all possible efforts would be made to absorb the additional requirements of $80,500 within the existing resources of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 and to report thereon in the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011.

33. No additional appropriations are requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

K. Resolution 16/15: Role of international cooperation in support of national efforts for the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities

34. Under the terms of paragraphs 16 and 17 of resolution 16/15, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided that its next annual interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities would be held at its nineteenth session, and that it will focus on participation in political and public life;

(b) Requested the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a study on the participation of persons with disabilities in political and public life, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, including States, regional organizations, including regional integration organizations, United Nations agencies, the Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development of the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations, including organizations of persons with disabilities, and national human rights institutions, and requested that the study be made available on the website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in an accessible format, prior to the nineteenth session of the Human Rights Council.

35. The adoption of resolution 16/15 gives rise to estimated additional requirements of $86,200 to implement the requested activities, including (a) $21,000 under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 for three months of consultancy services to carry out the study; and (b) $65,200 under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, including (i) $12,700 for communications access, real-time translation and international sign language interpretation under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and (ii) $52,500 for travel and daily subsistence allowance of five experts and their respective assistants to participate in the interactive dialogue under section 24, Human rights.

36. While the amount of $21,000 for three months of consultancy services to carry out the study has not been provided under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, it is expected that those requirements will be met within the existing resources of section 23 and reported in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011.

37. With respect to the estimated requirements of $65,200 for the biennium 2012-2013, the respective provisions have not been included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium. Therefore, additional appropriations in the amount of $65,200, including $12,700 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $52,200 under section 24, Human rights, for the interactive dialogue will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund.

L. Resolution 16/16: Enforced or involuntary disappearances

38. Under the terms of paragraphs 4 and 7 of resolution 16/16, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances for a further period of three years, in conformity with the terms set forth in Council resolution 7/12;

(b) Noted with concern that, according to the Working Group (A/HRC/16/48, para. 585), it had insufficient resources to effectively exercise its mandate, particularly in relation to human resources, where there was an acute need, and requested the Secretary-General to provide the assistance to the Working Group to fulfil its mandate.

39. The mandate of the Working Group falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $823,200 per biennium or $411,600 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of three members of the Working Group and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($252,400). Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Working Group, no additional appropriation is required and the related requirements for 2012-2013 in the amount of $823,200 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

40. Paragraph 7 of the resolution referred to the annual report of the Working Group, which noted that, owing to the lack of adequate support, the Working Group faced a backlog of more than 400 cases. Many communications were not translated in time, thus delaying their consideration by the Working Group. The number of open cases of enforced disappearances had increased over the past years to 42,633 in 83 States (A/HRC/16/48, paras. 8 and 9). It was estimated that additional general temporary assistance resources of $165,800 for 12 work-months of a staff member at the P-3 level would be required each year to provide support to the Working Group in responding promptly to new cases under its urgent action procedure, managing the existing caseload and clarifying cases in cooperation with States. In addition, it was estimated that $10,000 would be required for consultancy services at the P-3 level for 2 months each year to provide assistance to the Working Group in clearing the backlog of pending cases.

41. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $175,800 arise under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The Council was, however, informed that all efforts would be

made to absorb the additional amount of $175,800 within existing resources and to report thereon in the context of the second budget performance report for the biennium 2010-2011. As those requirements have not been included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, an additional appropriation of $351,600 will be required in the context of the contingency fund for the biennium 2012-2013. In addition, $42,600 will be required under section 37, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

M. Resolution 16/18: Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatization of, and discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against, persons based on religion or belief

42. Under the terms of paragraph 9 of resolution 16/18, the Human Rights Council called for strengthened international efforts to foster a global dialogue for the promotion of a culture of tolerance and peace at all levels, based on respect for human rights and diversity of religions and beliefs, and decided to convene a panel discussion on that issue at its seventeenth session, within existing resources.

43. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $30,900 arise under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 to provide for travel and daily subsistence allowance of five experts to participate in the panel discussion.

44. While provision for the estimated additional requirements of $30,900 has not been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, the Human Rights Council was informed that all possible efforts would be made to absorb that amount within existing resources and to report thereon in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011. No additional appropriations are requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution.

N. Resolution 16/21: Review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council

45. Under the terms of paragraphs 2 and 4 of resolution 16/21, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Adopted the "Outcome of the review of the work and functioning of the United Nations Human Rights Council" as annexed to the resolution, to be submitted to the General Assembly;

(b) Decided to submit a draft resolution for consideration by the General Assembly, whereby the Assembly would endorse the text entitled "Outcome of the review of the work and functioning of the United Nations Human Rights Council".

46. Paragraph 22 of the outcome document specified that, to further strengthen and enhance transparency in the selection and appointment process of mandate holders envisaged in the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the following provisions would apply:

(a) In addition to entities specified in paragraph 42, national human rights institutions in compliance with the Paris Principles may also nominate candidates as special procedures mandate holders;

(b) Individual candidates and candidates nominated by entities shall submit an application for each specific mandate, together with personal data and a motivation letter no longer than 600 words. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights shall prepare a public list of candidates who applied for each vacancy;

(c) The Consultative Group will consider, in a transparent manner, candidates having applied for each specific mandate. However, under exceptional circumstances and if a particular post justifies it, the Group may consider additional candidates with equal or more suitable qualifications for the post. The Group shall interview shortlisted candidates to ensure equal treatment of all candidates.

47. Paragraph 32 of the outcome document requested the Secretary-General to ensure the availability of adequate resources within the regular budget of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to support the full implementation by special procedures of their mandates.

48. As provided in paragraphs 47 to 53 of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the Consultative Group is mandated to consider applications for the special procedures mandates and to submit a report to the President of the Human Rights Council with recommendations on the most qualified candidates. The Consultative Group meets regularly during the months of January, February, April, May, July and August. The secretariat of the Council receives for consideration by the Consultative Group approximately 300 profiles of candidates for each vacancy.

49. Since the establishment of the Consultative Group, the public list of eligible candidates has steadily been growing with the number of applications, requiring updating on a regular basis, but it has remained out of date owing to the lack of adequate staffing capacity. At the time of the adoption of Council resolution 5/1, one P-3 post was proposed to assume responsibility for maintenance of the public list, but it was not approved by the General Assembly. The experience of the past five years clearly shows that this is a full-time function for which dedicated staffing is required.

50. In order to implement the activities envisaged under the above paragraphs, which include a further element of shortlisting and arranging for interviews of candidates by the Consultative Group, the additional requirements are as follows:

(a) One post at the P-3 level to assist the Consultative Group by screening applications; assessing them against selection criteria determined by the Council; seeking clarifications and updates from candidates; summarizing information; maintaining a database for the public list of eligible candidates; and preparing statistics, background information and files for the Consultative Group through the review of profiles of candidates for each round of selection (300 profiles). In addition the staff member would organize interviews at the request of the Consultative Group and prepare all the relevant reports. The incumbent would be also responsible for reference-checking and responses to queries; updating relevant information on vacancies/mandates; drafting notes verbales and correspondence to all Member States, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and other stakeholders on issues relating to the Consultative Group; and assisting in

coordination with the President and the Bureau of the Human Rights Council on issues relating to the Consultative Group;

(b) One General Service post to provide secretarial, administrative and logistical assistance for the meetings of the Consultative Group, and entry of information into the database for the public list;

(c) Translation of applications submitted in languages other than English as well as interpretation in English, Spanish and French will be required, at the request of the Consultative Group.

51. The adoption of the resolution gives rise to additional requirements of $1,148,400 per biennium or $574,200 per annum, including (a) $268,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, to provide conference services to the Consultative Group's meetings; (b) $286,200 under section 23, Human rights, representing the annual cost of 1 P-3 post and 1 General Service post in Geneva; and (c) $19,100 for support services under section 28E, Administration, Geneva, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. In addition, the amount of $55,500 will be required under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

52. The requirements enumerated above have not been provided for in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The Council was, however, informed that all possible efforts would be made to absorb the additional requirements within existing resources under sections 2, 23 and 28E, of the programme budget.

53. With respect to the one new P-3 post and one new General Service post proposed to support the Consultative Group, the approval of the General Assembly is required for their establishment under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, while additional appropriations in the amount of $862,200, including $537,800 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, $286,200 under section 24, Human rights, and $38,200 under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, will be required under the terms of the contingency fund for the biennium 2012-2013. In addition, the amount of $55,500 will be required under section 37, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

O. Resolution 16/23: Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment: mandate of the Special Rapporteur

54. Under the terms of paragraph 3 of resolution 16/23, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment for a further period of three years, inter alia:

(a) To conduct country visits with the consent or at the invitation of Governments;

(b) To study, in a comprehensive manner, trends, developments and challenges in relation to combating and preventing torture and other cruel, inhuman

or degrading treatment or punishment, and to make recommendations and observations concerning appropriate measures to prevent and eradicate such practices;

(c) To report on all of his or her activities, observations, conclusions and recommendations to the Human Rights Council, in accordance with its programme of work, and annually on the overall trends and developments with regard to his or her mandate to the General Assembly, with a view to maximizing the benefits of the reporting process.

55. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $476,000 per biennium or $238,000 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($78,800). No additional appropriations are required as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

P. Resolution 16/24: Situation of human rights in Myanmar

56. Under the terms of paragraphs 24 and 26 of resolution 16/24, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend for one year the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, in accordance with Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1992/58 of 3 March 1992 and 2005/10 of 14 April 2005 and Council resolutions 7/32 of 28 March 2008, 10/27 of 27 March 2009 and 13/25 of 26 March 2010;

(b) Requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a progress report, and encouraged him to provide an assessment of any progress made by the Government in relation to its stated intention to transition to a democracy to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session, and to the Human Rights Council in accordance with its annual programme of work.

57. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $73,800 per annum, including travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff and general operating expenses during field missions. No additional appropriations are required as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

Q. Resolution 16/25: Situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire

58. Under the terms of paragraphs 10, 12, 13 and 14 of resolution 16/25, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to dispatch an independent, international commission of inquiry, to be appointed by the President of the Human Rights Council, taking into consideration the importance of ensuring the equal participation and full involvement of women, to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegations of serious abuses and violations of human rights committed in Côte d'Ivoire following the presidential election of 28 November 2010, in order to identify those responsible for such acts and to bring them to justice, and to present its findings to the Council at its seventeenth session, and called upon all Ivorian parties to cooperate fully with the commission of inquiry;

(b) Requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the administrative, technical and logistical support necessary to allow the commission of inquiry to carry out its mandate;

(c) Decided to transmit the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/16/79) to the General Assembly;

(d) Requested the High Commissioner to present a report on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire at its seventeenth session.

59. In order to implement the provisions of the resolution, the President of the Human Rights Council would appoint three experts to comprise the international commission of inquiry, which should reflect a balance of expertise in international humanitarian law and international human rights law. In accordance with the usual practice, the Commissioners would not be retained on a salaried basis but would have their travel and expenses paid.

60. It was further estimated that a secretariat to support the international commission of inquiry would be established for two months by the Office of the High Commissioner, and would consist of seven Professional and two General Service (Other level) staff to carry out various functions as follows: (a) one P-5 Senior Human Rights Officer to perform the functions of coordinator of the work of the secretariat; (b) two Human Rights Officers to assist the coordinator in all investigative aspects of the work; (c) one P-4 Human Rights Officer to serve as legal adviser; (d) two P-3 Human Rights Officers to support the substantive work of the Commission; (e) one P-3 security officer to organize all security arrangements for the mission; (f) one General Service staff to serve as logistician; and (g) one General Service staff to serve as administrative assistant. Consultancy services would also be required for a forensic/pathology expert, to ensure the full range of technical expertise required.

61. Travel resources would also be needed to carry out the required investigations and in the event there was no access to Abidjan, the experts and the secretariat might travel to neighbouring countries to meet with refugees, witnesses and victims. The mission would require 20 days to conduct investigations in the field and at least 20 days in Geneva to analyse the facts and documents and draft the final report. Travel provision would also be required for 6 close protection officers for the commissioners.

62. Other costs envisaged to support the work of the Commission would provide for: (a) two interpreters/translators if the commissioners did not speak French; (b) documentation-related costs; (c) armoured cars for the Commission and its secretariat; and (d) other general operating expenses for rental of premises, communication and other related expenses, and other miscellaneous requirements (to include travel of witnesses/expert witnesses, etc.).

63. Based on the requirements outlined above, the adoption of the resolution gives rise to additional requirements of $1,086,500, including $402,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $683,600 under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. In addition, $47,500 will be required under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

64. The resource requirements of $1,086,500 have not been provided for in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. It is anticipated that all possible efforts will be made to meet the additional requirements of $1,086,500 from within available resources approved under section 23 and to report thereon in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011.

R. Resolution 16/26: The Social Forum

65. Under the terms of paragraphs 6, 8, 9, 11 and 13 of resolution 16/26, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided that the Social Forum would meet for three working days in 2011, in Geneva, on dates suitable for the participation of representatives of States Members of the United Nations and of the broadest possible range of other stakeholders, especially from developing countries;

(b) Requested the High Commissioner for Human Rights to consult all actors identified in the resolution on the issues referred to in paragraph (a) above, and to submit a report as a background contribution for the dialogues and debates held at the 2011 Social Forum;

(c) Also requested the High Commissioner to facilitate participation in the 2011 Social Forum, in order to contribute to interactive dialogues and debate at the Forum and assist the Chairperson-Rapporteur as resource persons, of up to 10 experts, including relevant Council thematic procedures mandate holders, in particular the independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty and the independent expert on human rights and international solidarity, as well as relevant representatives from civil society and grass-roots organizations in developing countries;

(d) Requested the Office of the High Commissioner to seek effective means of ensuring consultation and the broadest possible participation of representatives from every region, especially those from developing countries, in the Social Forum, including by establishing partnerships with non-governmental organizations, the private sector and international organizations;

(e) Invited the 2011 Social Forum to submit a report containing its conclusions and recommendations to the Human Rights Council.

66. The Human Rights Council, in its resolution 6/13 of 28 September 2007, established the Forum as an annual three-day intersessional meeting on economic, social and cultural rights. A Chairperson-Rapporteur is appointed by the President of the Human Rights Council and the meeting is attended by four relevant special procedures mandate holders.

67. Resources in the amount of $179,000 have been included in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 for activities of the Forum, to provide for (a) interpretation services in all six official languages for six meetings and documentation services for the translation of three documents into six official languages under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($147,200); (b) participation of experts in the annual meeting of the Social Forum under section 23, Human rights ($29,400); and (c) support services under section 28E, Administration, Geneva ($2,400).

68. As a result of adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $31,000 arise under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 to provide for the participation of civil society experts/panellists from developing countries called for under paragraph 9 of the resolution.

69. Provision for the estimated additional requirements of $31,000 has not been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The Council was, however, informed that all possible efforts would be made to meet the additional requirements of $31,000 from within available resources approved under section 23 and to report thereon in the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011. No additional appropriation will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution.

S. Resolution 16/28: The protection of human rights in the context of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

70. Under the terms of paragraph 26 of resolution 16/28, the Human Rights Council decided to hold a panel discussion at its nineteenth session, within existing resources, in consultation with all regional groups, to give voice to people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, in particular young people, women and orphaned children, with a view to taking into account their experiences in reinforcing the centrality of human rights in the response to HIV/AIDS, in the context of the timely achievement of Millennium Development Goal 6 and in compliance with the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS and the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS.

71. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $30,900 arise under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 to provide for travel and daily subsistence allowance of five experts to participate in the panel discussion. As no related provision has been included under section 24, an additional appropriation in the amount of $30,900 will be required under the terms of the contingency fund for the biennium 2012-2013.

T. Resolution 16/33: Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

72. Under the terms of paragraphs 1 and 3 of resolution 16/33, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur for a further period of three years, in accordance with the terms of reference contained in Human Rights Council resolution 7/34 of 28 March 2008;

(b) Requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly on all activities relating to his/her mandate with a view to maximizing the benefits of the reporting process.

73. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $475,000 per biennium or $237,500 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($78,300). No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

U. Decision 16/116: Panel on the human rights of victims of terrorism

74. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of decision 16/116, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to convene, within existing resources, at its seventeenth session, a panel discussion on the issue of the human rights of victims of terrorism, taking into account, inter alia, the recommendations of the Secretary-General's Symposium on Supporting Victims of Terrorism, held in New York on 9 September 2008;

(b) Requested the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to liaise with the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism and all concerned parties and stakeholders, including relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion;

(c) Also requested the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the outcome of the panel discussion in the form of a summary.

75. As a result of the adoption of the decision, additional requirements of $37,000 arise under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 to provide for travel and daily subsistence allowance of one special rapporteur and five experts to participate in the panel discussion.

76. Provision for the estimated additional requirements of $37,000 has not been made under section 23. The Council was, however, informed that all possible efforts

would be made to meet the additional requirements of $37,000 from within available resources approved under section 23 and to report thereon in the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011. No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution.

V. Decision 16/117: Right to development

77. Under the terms of paragraphs 1 and 2 of decision 16/117, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to hold a panel during the eighteenth session of the Human Rights Council to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development, on the theme "The way forward in the realization of the right to development: between policy and practice", with the participation of the High Commissioner for Human Rights;

(b) Also decided to request the Office of the High Commissioner to organize the panel, within existing resources, and to invite relevant United Nations human rights mechanisms, specialized agencies, funds and programmes, as well as civil society and national human rights institutions, to the panel session.

78. As a result of the adoption of the decision, additional requirements of $21,700 arise under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 to provide for the travel and daily subsistence allowance of five experts/panellists (one from each region) to attend and participate in a half-day panel.

79. Provision for the estimated additional requirements of $21,700 has not been made under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The Council was, however, informed that all possible efforts would be made to meet the additional requirements of $21,700 from within available resources approved under section 23 and to report thereon in the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011. No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution.

W. Resolution 17/1: Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

80. Under the terms of paragraphs 2 and 2 (i) of resolution 17/1, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur for a period of three years and requested the Special Rapporteur to report annually on the implementation of the resolution to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly, according to their respective programmes of work.

81. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $514,200 per biennium or $257,100 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($97,900). No additional

appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

X. Resolution 17/2: Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

82. Under the terms of paragraphs 2, 2 (g) and 5 of resolution 17/2, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur for a period of three years;

(b) Requested the Special Rapporteur to report regularly to the Council in accordance with its programme of work, and annually to the General Assembly;

(c) Requested the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide all the assistance necessary to the Special Rapporteur for the effective fulfilment of his or her mandate.

83. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $475,800 per biennium or $237,900 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($78,700). No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

Y. Resolution 17/3: The right to education: follow-up to Human Rights Council resolution 8/4

84. Under the terms of paragraph 6 of resolution 17/3, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education for a period of three years.

85. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $496,200 per biennium or $248,100 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($88,900). No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related

requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

Z. Resolution 17/4: Human rights and transnational corporations

86. Under the terms of paragraphs 6, 6 (j), 9, 12, 13, 14 and 17 of resolution 17/4, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to establish a Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, consisting of five independent experts, of balanced geographical representation, for a period of three years, to be appointed by the Human Rights Council at its eighteenth session;

(b) Requested the Working Group to report annually to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly;

(c) Requested the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide all the assistance necessary to the Working Group for the effective fulfilment of its mandate;

(d) Decided to establish a Forum on Business and Human Rights under the guidance of the Working Group to discuss trends and challenges in the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (A/HRC/17/31, annex) and promote dialogue and cooperation on issues linked to business and human rights, including challenges faced in particular sectors, operational environments or in relation to specific rights or groups, as well as identifying good practices;

(e) Also decided that the Forum would be open to the participation of States, United Nations mechanisms, bodies and specialized agencies, funds and programmes, intergovernmental organizations, regional organizations and mechanisms in the field of human rights, national human rights institutions and other relevant bodies, transnational corporations and other business enterprises, business associations, labour unions, academics and experts in the field of business and human rights, representatives of indigenous peoples and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, and also to other non-governmental organizations whose aims and purposes were in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including affected individuals and groups, based on arrangements, including Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, and practices observed by the Commission on Human Rights, through an open and transparent accreditation procedure in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Human Rights Council;

(f) Further decided that the Forum would meet annually for two working days;

(g) Requested the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to provide all the necessary support to facilitate, in a transparent manner, the convening of the Forum and the participation of relevant stakeholders from all regions in its meetings, giving particular attention to ensuring participation of affected individuals and communities.

87. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $4,212,900 will arise in the biennium 2012-2013 to implement the activities called for in the resolution, including (a) $2,598,200 to provide for meeting servicing for three Working Group sessions of five days' duration each per year, interpreters' travel for two field missions per year and documentation costs under section 2; (b) $1,521,900 under section 24, including the establishment of 4 new posts (1 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 P-2/1 and 1 General Service (Other level) ($614,500), general temporary assistance to provide for one P-3 position and one General Service (Other level) position for six work-months each to support the new Working Group and the Forum ($149,800), and travel of members of the Working Group to its sessions and the annual Forum, travel and general operating expenses of members and staff for annual country visits and travel for participants in the Forum ($757,600); and (c) support costs under section 29E, including sound technical services for three annual sessions of the Working Group and operating support for four new posts ($92,800). In addition, $123,300 will be required under section 37, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1.

88. In the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, there is a continuing "perennial" provision of about $460,400, including $318,400 under section 2 and $142,000 under section 24, for the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the responsibilities of transnational corporations and related business enterprises, which will be used to partly offset the additional 2012-2013 requirements.

89. With respect to the four new posts (1 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 P-2/1 and 1 General Service) proposed to support the Working Group, the approval of the General Assembly is required for their establishment under section 24 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013. Net additional appropriations in the amount of $3,752,500, including $2,279,800 under section 2, $1,379,900 under section 24 and $92,800 under section 29E, will be required under the terms of the contingency fund for the biennium 2012-2013.

AA. Resolution 17/5: Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

90. Under the terms of paragraphs 7 (a), 10 and 11 of resolution 17/5, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Requested the Special Rapporteur, in carrying out his or her mandate, to continue to examine situations of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions in all circumstances and for whatever reason, and to submit his or her findings on an annual basis, together with conclusions and recommendations, to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly, and to draw the attention of the Council to serious situations of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions that warrant immediate attention or where early action might prevent further deterioration;

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with adequate human, financial and material resources in order to enable him or her to carry out the mandate effectively, including through country visits;

(c) Decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur for three years.

91. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $495,600 per biennium or $247,800 per annum, including: (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($88,600). No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

BB. Resolution 17/6: Mandate of the independent expert on human rights and international solidarity

92. Under the terms of paragraphs 1 and 4 of resolution 17/6, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the independent expert for a period of three years;

(b) Requested the independent expert to continue work on preparation of a draft declaration on the right of peoples and individuals to international solidarity and to submit a report on the implementation of the resolution to the Council, in accordance with its annual programme of work.

93. The mandate of the independent expert falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $446,000 per biennium or $223,000 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the independent expert and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($63,800). No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the independent expert, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

CC. Resolution 17/12: Human rights of migrants: mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

94. Under the terms of paragraphs 1 and 1 (h) of resolution 17/12, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend for a period of three years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants;

(b) Requested the Special Rapporteur to report regularly to the Human Rights Council, according to its annual programme of work, and to the General

Assembly, at the request of the Council or the Assembly, bearing in mind the utility of maximizing the benefits of the reporting process.

95. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $512,000 per biennium or $256,000 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($96,800). No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

DD. Resolution 17/13: Extreme poverty and human rights

96. Under the terms of paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of resolution 17/13, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the current mandate holder as a special rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights for a period of three years in conformity with the terms set forth in Human Rights Council resolution 8/11;

(b) Requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to give high priority to extreme poverty and human rights and invited it to pursue further work in this area, integrating and cooperating fully with the Special Rapporteur in the various activities, notably the Social Forum and the consultation on the draft guiding principles on extreme poverty and human rights, and to provide the Special Rapporteur with all necessary human and financial resources for the effective fulfilment of his or her mandate;

(c) Requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report on the implementation of the resolution to the General Assembly and to the Human Rights Council, in accordance with their programme of work.

97. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $485,800 per biennium or $242,900 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($83,700). No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

EE. Resolution 17/14: The right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health in the context of development and access to medicines

98. Under the terms of paragraph 11 of resolution 17/14, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health to prepare, in consultation with States Members of the United Nations, United Nations agencies and programmes, international and non-governmental organizations, and relevant stakeholders, a study on existing human rights challenges with regard to access to medicines in the context of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, ways to overcome them and good practices, to be presented to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-third session.

99. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $422,000 arise to implement the requested activities in 2012, including (a) $283,800 for translation of documentation into all official languages, reproduction and distribution under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; (b) $135,500 for a consultancy to prepare the study and travel and daily subsistence allowance for experts to participate in a panel discussion on the issue under section 24, Human rights; and (c) $2,700 for conference support services under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

100. As these requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget, additional appropriations in the amount of $422,000 will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund.

FF. Resolution 17/17: Human rights situation in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

101. Under the terms of paragraph 14 of resolution 17/17, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the commission of inquiry established by the Council in its resolution S-15/1, and requested the commission to continue its work, including through visits, and to provide an oral update to the Council at its eighteenth session, and a final written report at its nineteenth session.

102. As a result of adoption of the resolution, it is estimated that additional requirements of $2,170,300 will arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, including (a) $333,700 for interpretation and documentation costs under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and (b) $1,836,600 for travel and daily subsistence allowance of the commissioners and staff, consultancy services of a senior military expert, staff costs for a core secretariat, security costs and other operating expenses under section 23, Human rights.

103. Additional requirements of $360,100 will arise to implement the requested activities in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, including (a) $129,400 for interpretation and documentation costs under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and (b) $230,700 for travel and daily subsistence

allowance for two 15-day field missions of the commissioners and staff and other operating expenses under section 24, Human rights.

104. With regard to the total estimated additional requirements of $2,170,300 for the biennium 2010-2011, the Council was informed at its sixteenth and seventeenth sessions that although the Secretariat had endeavoured to identify areas from which resources could be redeployed to meet those requirements, it had been compelled to temporarily utilize extrabudgetary resources to implement Council resolution S-15/1 and might continue that practice in order to finance the additional requirements resulting from resolution 17/17. The Council was further informed that the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 had been particularly burdened under section 23, Human rights, with the absorption of significant requirements for additional resources, and with all possibilities of absorption having been exhausted, it was proposed that the Council seek the urgent attention of the General Assembly to the resolutions of the Council giving rise to additional requirements, such as resolution 17/17. As that proposal was not endorsed, the Council was informed that all possible efforts would be made to meet the additional requirements of $2,170,300 from within available resources approved under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 and to report thereon in the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011.

105. With respect to the requirements for the biennium 2012-2013, the Council was informed that additional resource requirements estimated at $360,100 would arise as a result of the adoption of resolution 17/17. Additional appropriations of $129,400 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $230,700 under section 24, Human rights, would be required under the terms of the contingency fund for the biennium 2012-2013.

GG. Resolution 17/18: Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure

106. Under the terms of paragraphs 2 and 3 of resolution 17/18, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Adopted the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure as contained in the annex to the resolution;

(b) Recommended that the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 5 (c) of Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006:

(i) Adopt the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure;

(ii) Recommend that the Optional Protocol be opened for signature at a signing ceremony to be held in 2012;

(iii) Request the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the necessary assistance.

107. As a result of the adoption of the resolution by the General Assembly, the existing Committee on the Rights of the Child, established under General Assembly resolution 44/25, would be mandated to carry out a number of additional functions upon the entry into force of the Protocol, as follows:

(a) Article 19 of the Optional Protocol stipulates that the Optional Protocol shall enter into force three months after the deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession;

(b) Under the Optional Protocol, the Committee is mandated to receive and consider communications submitted by or on behalf of an individual or group of individuals and to transmit its views concerning such communications to the parties concerned. Equally, the Committee shall make available its good offices to the parties concerned with a view to reaching a friendly settlement;

(c) Article 12 provides that a State party may declare that it recognizes the competence of the Committee to receive and consider communications in which a State party claims that another State party is not fulfilling its obligations under the Convention or the first two Optional Protocols thereto;

(d) Article 13 stipulates that a State party may declare that it recognizes the competence of the Committee to conduct inquiries into grave and systematic violations of the Convention or the first two Optional Protocols thereto. Where warranted, such inquiries may include a visit by the Committee to the territory of a State party.

108. On the basis of experience with ratification or accession to other human right instruments, it was assumed that the Optional Protocol would enter into force in the latter part of 2013 or early in 2014. It was further assumed that programme budget implications for the regular budget of the United Nations would not arise for the biennium 2012-2013. In view of the stipulations of the Optional Protocol, it was estimated that total additional requirements of $2,192,800 would arise in the biennium 2014-2015, were the Optional Protocol to enter into force, to implement the activities called for under its terms, including (a) $1,582,600 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, to provide for conference servicing requirements for meetings of the Working Group, documentation and travel to provide support for the inquiry procedure; (b) $582,100 under section 24, Human rights, for substantive and technical secretariat support, the one-time cost of a computer specialist, daily subsistence allowance for members of the Working Group and travel to provide support for the inquiry procedure; and (c) $28,100 under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, for conference servicing support costs.

109. While the estimated resources of $2,192,800 would require additional provisions under the regular budget upon entry into force of the Optional Protocol, additional resources would not be required at the present stage. The Secretary-General would report to and request the required resources from the General Assembly, at the appropriate time. No additional appropriations would be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution.

HH. Resolution 17/19: Human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity

110. Under the terms of paragraphs 1 and 2 of resolution 17/19, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to commission a study, to be finalized by December 2011, documenting discriminatory

laws and practices and acts of violence against individuals based on their sexual orientation and gender identity, in all regions of the world, and how international human rights law can be used to end violence and related human rights violations based on sexual orientation and gender identity;

(b) Decided to convene a panel discussion during the nineteenth session of the Human Rights Council, informed by the facts contained in the study commissioned by the High Commissioner, and to have constructive, informed and transparent dialogue on the issue of discriminatory laws and practices and acts of violence against individuals based on their sexual orientation and gender identity.

111. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional resources of $98,000 will be required under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 under section 23, Human rights, to provide for general temporary assistance at the P-5 level for five months to prepare the study. It is also estimated that $74,200 will be required under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 to provide for (a) documentation requirements for the study under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($44,200); and (b) travel of expert panellists for one working day to participate in the plenary panel of the Council under section 24, Human rights ($29,500).

112. With respect to the estimated amount of $98,000 for the biennium 2010-2011, the Council was informed that all possible efforts would be made to meet those additional requirements from within available resources approved under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget to report thereon in the second performance report. In addition, $15,100 will be required under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment. No additional appropriations for the biennium 2010-2011 will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution.

113. The additional requirements of $74,200 arising under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, including $44,700 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $29,500 under section 24, Human rights, have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget. Therefore, related additional appropriations of $74,200 will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund.

II. Resolution 17/21: Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire in the field of human rights

114. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 10, 11, 12, 15 and 16 of resolution 17/21, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to establish the mandate of independent expert on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire for a period of one year, who will be responsible for assisting the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and relevant actors in the follow-up to the implementation of the recommendations of the commission of inquiry and of the resolutions of the Human Rights Council, including the recommendations addressed to the international community, especially the Office of the High Commissioner and relevant United Nations agencies;

(b) Requested the independent expert to engage with the Ivorian authorities and the human rights sections of the Economic Community of West African States,

the African Union and the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire, and to submit a report to the Human Rights Council for consideration at its nineteenth session;

(c) Requested the High Commissioner to provide the independent expert with all the assistance necessary to discharge the mandate fully;

(d) Requested the Secretary-General to continue to provide the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire with support, in particular with the relevant material and human resources for its human rights section to enhance its operational capacity;

(e) Requested the High Commissioner to present an updated report on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire to the Human Rights Council for consideration at its eighteenth session.

115. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, it is estimated that additional requirements of $8,800 will arise under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 to finance the travel and daily subsistence allowance of the independent expert, accompanying staff and other operating expenses during a field mission. Those additional requirements will be met from within available resources approved under section 23, and no additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution.

116. The additional requirements for the biennium 2012-2013 will amount to $573,500, including (a) $159,200 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, to provide for interpretation and documentation; and (b) $414,300 under section 24, Human rights, for the travel and daily subsistence allowance of the independent expert and staff, consultancy services for five months, general temporary assistance at P-3 level for 12 months to support the mandate, security costs, two three-day consultative workshops for 50 participants each on transitional justice and other operating expenses during field missions. The additional appropriations of $573,500 will be requested under the terms of the contingency fund for the biennium 2012-2013. In addition, $23,600 will be required under section 37, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

JJ. Resolution 17/23: The negative impact of the non-repatriation of funds of illicit origin to the countries of origin on the enjoyment of human rights

117. Under the terms of paragraph 3 of resolution 17/23, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a comprehensive study and, when necessary, to seek information from relevant international organizations and agencies on the negative impact of the non-repatriation of funds of illicit origin to the countries of origin on the enjoyment of human rights, in particular economic, social and cultural rights, and to submit a report thereon to the Human Rights Council at its nineteenth session.

118. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional resource requirements of $30,000 arise under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 to provide for the services of a consultant to undertake the comprehensive study. With regard to the biennium 2012-2013, documentation

requirements of $53,300 will arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management.

119. As the required resources have not been provided under section 23 the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, it is anticipated that those requirements will be absorbed within existing resources of the programme budget and reported in the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011. As the additional requirements of $53,300 have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, an additional appropriation of $53,000 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund.

KK. Resolution 17/24: Human rights situation in Belarus

120. Under the terms of paragraphs 3 and 4 of resolution 17/24, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Requested the High Commissioner for Human Rights to monitor the human rights situation in Belarus and to present to the Human Rights Council, in an interactive dialogue to be held at its eighteenth session, an oral report thereon, including on alleged human rights violations committed in Belarus following the presidential election of 19 December 2010;

(b) Also requested the High Commissioner to present to the Human Rights Council, in an interactive dialogue to be held at its twentieth session, a comprehensive report on the human rights situation in Belarus;

121. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, it is estimated that additional annual requirements of $76,300 will arise in the biennium 2010-2011 to provide for (a) conference services requirements for interpreters' travel and documentation under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($44,700); and (b) travel and daily subsistence allowance for the staff of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to undertake two missions to Belarus and neighbouring or other relevant States under section 23, Human rights ($31,600).

122. While the corresponding resources of $76,300 have not been provided under sections 2 or 23 of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, it is anticipated that those requirements will be absorbed within existing resources of the programme budget. No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution.

LL. Resolution 17/25: Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights

123. Under the terms of paragraphs 7 and 8 of resolution 17/25, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia for one year, from September 2011, with a view to maximizing the provision and flow of technical assistance to Somalia in the field of

human rights, in order to support the efforts of the Transitional Federal Government and its subnational authorities to ensure respect for human rights and to strengthen the human rights regime in its work to complete the outstanding task of the transitional mandate, and requested the independent expert to report to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-first session on the situation of human rights and the implementation of technical cooperation in Somalia;

(b) Requested the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to enhance its technical assistance for the Transitional Federal Government and its subnational authorities, including through the role of the independent consultant, in responding to and implementing follow-up to the universal periodic review recommendations accepted by Somalia.

124. The mandate of the independent expert falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $267,100 per annum, including (a) conference services requirements for interpreters and documentation under section 2 ($159,200); and (b) travel and daily subsistence allowance for the independent expert to undertake field missions and for consultations in Geneva, travel of staff to accompany the independent expert during field missions and general operating expenses during field missions for rental of automobile and security escort/services, internal flights and communications ($107,900). No additional appropriations will be requested in this regard. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

125. It is also estimated that for the biennium 2010-2011 an additional amount of $8,800 will be required under section 23 for consultations of the independent expert. It is anticipated that this amount will be met from within existing resources under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

126. In order to respond to the terms of paragraph 8 of the resolution (see para. 123 (a) above), it is proposed to carry out the activities of technical assistance and advisory services to the relevant Somali institutions, relevant to the universal periodic review recommendations. It is estimated that total additional requirements of $215,000 will arise, including (a) $160,000 to provide for three training workshops in 2011 under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011; and (b) $55,000 to provide for two training workshops in 2012 under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013. Those additional requirements have not been provided for in the corresponding programme budgets.

127. It is anticipated that the additional requirements of $160,000 can be met from within existing resources under section 23 of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 and reported in the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011.

128. Consequently, no additional appropriations will be requested under section 23 of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 as a result of the adoption of the resolution.

129. The additional requirements of $55,000 arising under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 will be requested under the terms of the contingency fund for the biennium 2012-2013.

MM. Decision 17/118: Establishment of the Office of the President of the Human Rights Council

130. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 of decision 17/118, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to establish an Office of the President, in accordance with the procedural and organizational roles of the President as described in the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, within existing resources, to support the President in the fulfilment of his or her tasks and to enhance efficiency and institutional memory in that regard;

(b) Decided that the appointment should promote equitable geographical distribution and gender balance, and that the composition of the Office of the President of the Human Rights Council would be as follows:

(i) A staff member serving as the focal point for the overall support to the President, directing the work of his or her Office, reviewing draft statements and assisting the President in all his or her consultations;

(ii) A staff member responsible for organizing and preparing substantive documentation relating to various meetings, drafting statements and assisting the President in his or her consideration of legal matters;

(iii) A staff member responsible for organizing and preparing minutes of meetings of the President, the handling of correspondence and queries, as well as for all administrative matters relating to the President and the Office;

(c) Decided to provide the President with the support of a public information officer through the existing position from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights;

(d) Decided that the staff of the Office would be accountable to the President under his or her direction and supervision, and should serve for a one-year term, on a renewable basis;

(e) Decided that the Office of the President should be operational no later than the seventh cycle of the Human Rights Council;

(f) Requested the Secretary-General to ask the United Nations Office at Geneva to ensure that the staff of the Office of the President would be provided with an appropriate office space, as well as the technical and organizational tools, services and instruments required for the fulfilment of their tasks.

131. In view of the tasks specified in paragraph 2 of the resolution (see para. 130 (a) above), to be performed by the staff of the Office of the President, it can be assumed that staff with functional titles of Special Adviser, Policy Adviser and Support Officer will be recruited at the P-4, P-3 and P-2/1 levels, respectively, under general temporary assistance to coincide with the term of Office of the President of the Council. It is expected that the incoming President will select, manage and renew the contracts of the staff of the Office in consultation with the Bureau and in

accordance with the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations. In response to the terms of paragraph 8 of the resolution (see para. 130 (f) above), the staff of the Office of the President are expected to be provided with appropriate office space, as well as the technical and organizational tools, services and instruments required for the fulfilment of their tasks.

132. With regard to the public information officer called for in paragraph 3 of the resolution (see para. 130 (c) above), the existing P-3 post, established in response to Council decision 3/104 under subprogramme 4 of section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget, will be assigned to the Office of the President.

133. The establishment of the Office of the President implies requirements for the travel of the President twice a year to submit the annual report of the Council to both the General Assembly at its plenary session and the Third Committee. This provision has been included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 and, therefore, no additional appropriation for travel of the President will be required.

134. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, the additional requirements of $1,146,900 per biennium will arise under budget section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, including (a) $989,300 for general temporary assistance to provide for three positions (1 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 P-2/1); and (b) $157,600 to provide for other operating costs including office furniture and equipment, communications, supplies and operating expenses for the Office of the President and its staff.

135. It is anticipated that any additional requirements that may arise in 2011 can be met from within available resources. The requirements for travel of the President have been already included in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 and the United Nations Office at Geneva has been providing the President of the Council and the supporting staff with two offices at the Palais des Nations.

136. As the estimated 2012-2013 requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, additional appropriations in the amount of $1,146,900 under section 24, Human rights, will be requested for the establishment of the Office of the President under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund.

NN. Decision 17/119: Follow-up to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21 with regard to the universal periodic review

137. Under the terms of paragraphs 3 and 4 of decision 17/119, the Human Rights Council decided that the duration of the review in the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review would be extended to three hours and thirty minutes for each country in the Working Group, so as to be within existing resources and with no additional workload, during which the State under review would be given up to 70 minutes to be used for initial presentation, replies and concluding comments in line with President's statement PRST/8/1 of 9 April 2008, and that the allocation of time during the Working Group would be in accordance with annex II to the decision.

138. The adoption of the decision resulted in the requirement to cover seven hours of meetings in addition to the current timetable of the Working Group sessions,

which cannot be accommodated within existing resources. Therefore, as a result of the adoption of decision 17/119, additional requirements of $54,400 per biennium arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

139. As these requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, an additional appropriation in the amount of $54,400 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, will be requested under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund.

OO. Decision 17/120: Panel on the protection and promotion of human rights in the context of peaceful protests

140. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of decision 17/120, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to convene, within existing resources, at its eighteenth session, a panel discussion on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests, with a particular focus on the ways and means to improve the protection of these rights in such contexts in line with international human rights law;

(b) Requested the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to liaise with relevant special procedures, States and other stakeholders, including relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion;

(c) Requested the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the outcome of the panel discussion in the form of a summary.

141. As a result of the adoption of the decision, additional requirements of $73,900 arise with regard to holding the panel discussion, including (a) $39,400 for pre-session documentation under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and (b) $34,500 for travel of representatives under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. While provisions for those activities have not been included into the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, the Council was informed that all possible efforts would be made to meet the additional requirements of $73,900 from within available resources approved under sections 2 and 23 and to report thereon in the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011. No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of this decision.

PP. Resolution 18/2: Preventable maternal mortality and morbidity and human rights

142. Under the terms of paragraphs 5 and 6 of resolution 18/2, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to convene, within existing resources, in cooperation with other relevant entities of the United Nations system, an expert workshop, open also to the participation of Governments, regional organizations, relevant United Nations bodies and civil society organizations, to prepare concise technical guidance on the application of a human rights-based approach to the implementation of policies and programmes to reduce preventable maternal mortality and morbidity;

(b) Also requested the Office of the High Commissioner to present the technical guidance to the Human Rights Council.

143. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $181,900 arise, including (a) $28,000 for interpretation and documentation requirements under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; (b) $152,000 for travel and daily subsistence allowance of experts and general temporary assistance at P-3 level for six months under section 24, Human rights; and (c) $1,900 for conference support services under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

144. As these requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, additional appropriations in the amount of $181,900 will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund. In addition, $11,800 will be required under section 37, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

QQ. Resolution 18/3: Panel to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

145. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of resolution 18/3, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to convene, at its nineteenth session, a panel discussion to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, with a particular focus on its implementation as well as on achievements, best practices and challenges in this regard;

(b) Requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize the panel discussion within existing resources, and to liaise with the independent expert on minority issues, States, relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as with civil society, non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion;

(c) Also requested the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the outcome of the panel discussion in the form of a summary.

146. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $70,400 would arise, including (a) $28,400 for translation of documentation into all official languages under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social

Council affairs and conference management; and (b) $42,000 for travel and daily subsistence allowance for the independent expert on minority issues and five experts to participate in the panel discussion under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

147. As these requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, additional appropriations in the amount of $70,400 will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund.

RR. Resolution 18/5: Human rights and international solidarity

148. Under the terms of paragraphs 16, 17 and 18 of resolution 18/5, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to convene in 2012, prior to the twenty-first session of the Human Rights Council, a workshop for an exchange of views on, inter alia, the gender implications of international solidarity, the impact of a right to international solidarity, the role of international solidarity in achieving the Millennium Development Goals and the realization of the right to development, with the participation of representatives from all interested States, the independent expert, the members of the Advisory Committee dealing with this issue, and civil society;

(b) Requested the independent expert to present to the Human Rights Council a summary of the discussions held at the workshop, in conformity with the programme of work of the Council;

(c) Also requested the independent expert to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-first session.

149. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $286,200 arise to implement the requested activities, including (a) $57,700 for conference servicing of the workshop and translation of the report and other documents into the six official languages under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; (b) $226,600 for general temporary assistance at P-3 level for six months and travel and daily subsistence allowance of four special procedure mandate holders, two members of the Advisory Committee and 15 international experts to attend the workshop under section 24, Human rights; and (c) $1,900 for conference support services under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

150. As these requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, additional appropriations in the amount of $286,200 will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund. In addition, $11,800 will be required under section 37, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

SS. Resolution 18/6: Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

151. Under the terms of paragraphs 14 and 17 of its resolution 18/6, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to establish, for a period of three years, a new special procedures mandate of an independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order;

(b) Requested the independent expert to present his or her first report to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-first session.

152. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $1,583,400 per biennium arise to implement the requested activities, including (a) $660,400 for interpretation and documentation requirements under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; (b) $919,200 for travel and daily subsistence allowance of the independent expert and staff, general operating expenses during field missions, a consultancy at P-3 level for 8 months and general temporary assistance for one P-3 position and one General Service (Other level) position for six months each year under section 24, Human rights; and (c) $3,800 for conference support services under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

153. As these requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, additional appropriations in the amount of $1,583,400 will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund. In addition, $55,400 will be required under section 37, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

TT. Resolution 18/7: Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence

154. Under the terms of paragraphs 1 and 4 of resolution 18/7, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to appoint, for a period of three years, a special rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence;

(b) Requested the Special Rapporteur to report annually to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly.

155. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $1,704,000 per biennium arise to implement the requested activities, including (a) $772,200 for interpretation during two field missions and translation into all official languages of a study and the annual report to the Council and the General Assembly under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; (b) $929,800 for travel and daily subsistence allowance of the Special Rapporteur and staff, general operating expenses during field missions, a consultancy for six months at P-3 level, general temporary assistance at P-3 level for 18 months per biennium and one General Service (Other level) post for six months each year under section 24, Human rights; and

(c) $2,000 for conference support services under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

156. As these requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, additional appropriations in the amount of $1,704,000 for the activities of the Special Rapporteur will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund. In addition, $67,000 will be required under section 37, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

UU. Resolution 18/8: Human rights and indigenous peoples

157. Under the terms of paragraph 14 of resolution 18/8, the Human Rights Council decided to hold, on an annual basis and within existing resources, a half-day panel discussion on the rights of indigenous peoples and, in that regard, to hold, at its twenty-first session, a half-day panel discussion on access to justice by indigenous peoples.

158. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $116,800 per biennium arise to implement the requested activities, including (a) $56,800 for additional documentation requirements resulting from the panel discussion under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and (b) $60,000 for travel and daily subsistence allowance for four experts and one mandate holder on the rights of indigenous peoples to participate in the panel discussion under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

159. As these requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, additional appropriations in the amount of $116,800 will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund.

VV. Resolution 18/10: Human rights and issues related to terrorist hostage-taking

160. Under the terms of paragraphs 5, 6 and 8 of resolution 18/10, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Recognized that the issue of hostage-taking by terrorist groups posed a number of challenges and had an adverse impact not only on the protection of the human rights of hostages but also on the protection and enjoyment of those rights by those living in local communities, including in terms of socio-economic impact and development, in the countries of the regions affected by the scourge, and expressed concern at the fact that actions or measures taken to obtain the release of hostages might compound that adverse impact;

(b) Requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on the issue described in paragraph 5 for the purposes of promoting awareness and understanding, paying particular attention to its impact on human rights and the role of regional and international cooperation in this field;

(c) Requested the Advisory Committee to submit the study to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-third session and to present an interim report thereon at its twenty-first session.

161. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $265,100 arise to implement the requested activities, including (a) $245,600 for conference services for translation, reproduction and distribution of the study documents in all official languages of the United Nations under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and (b) $19,500 for consultancy services at the P-3 level for three months for preparation of the study under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

162. As these requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget, additional appropriations in the amount of $265,100 will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund.

WW. Resolution 18/11: Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes

163. Under the terms of paragraphs 2 and 5 of resolution 18/11, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate, with the new title of Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes, for a further period of three years;

(b) Requested the Special Rapporteur to develop, in consultation with relevant stakeholders and with the support of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, a set of best practices with regard to the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes, to be annexed to his final report to the Human Rights Council.

164. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 in the amount of $1,065,600 per biennium or $532,800 per annum, including (a) conference services for interpretation and documentation requirements under section 2 ($259,500) and (b) travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff, consultancy and general operating expenses during field missions under section 24 ($273,300). No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

XX. Resolution 18/14: Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights

165. Under the terms of paragraphs 4 and 5 of resolution 18/14, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Requested the High Commissioner for Human Rights to hold, in 2012, a workshop on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights to take stock of developments since the workshop in 2010, including a thematic discussion based on the concrete and practical experience of regional mechanisms, in order to share information on best practices, lessons learned and new possible forms of cooperation, with the participation of relevant experts from international, regional, subregional and interregional human rights mechanisms, as well as of Member States, observers, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations;

(b) Also requested the High Commissioner to present to the Human Rights Council, at its twenty-second session, a report containing a summary of the discussions held at the above-mentioned workshop and of the progress towards the implementation of the resolution.

166. It is expected that the 2012 workshop will make use of the input provided by three regional consultations with the most developed and experienced regional human rights mechanisms, including in Africa (the African Union), the Americas (the Organization of American States) and Europe (the Council of Europe, the European Union and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe), to be held before the end of December 2011.

167. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $364,800 arise to implement the requested activities, including (a) $184,500 for interpretation of the workshop discussions, translation and issuance of the report on the discussions and the progress report under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; (b) $179,300 for the travel of 35 participants to Geneva for the two-day workshop, under section 24, Human rights; and (c) $1,000 for conference support services under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

168. As these requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, additional appropriations in the amount of $364,800 will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund.

YY. Resolution 18/16: Technical assistance for the Sudan in the field of human rights

169. Under the terms of paragraph 11 of resolution 18/16, the Human Rights Council decided to renew for a period of one year the mandate of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan under agenda item 10 (technical assistance and capacity-building), requested the independent expert to engage with the Government of the Sudan with a view to identifying areas of assistance that would aid the Sudan to fulfil its human rights obligations, and to submit a report to the Human Rights Council for consideration at its twenty-first session, and

requested the Secretary-General to provide the independent expert with all the assistance necessary for him to discharge his mandate fully.

170. The mandate of the independent expert falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $239,600 per annum, including (a) conference services under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the independent expert and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($80,400). No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the independent expert the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

ZZ. Resolution 18/17: Technical assistance and capacity-building for South Sudan in the field of human rights

171. Under the terms of paragraphs 5 and 7 of resolution 18/17, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Invited the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in collaboration with the Government of South Sudan, to identify and assess areas of assistance and, upon its request, to assist the Government in its efforts to promote and protect human rights;

(b) Requested the Office of the High Commissioner to present a report on the implementation of the resolution to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-first session.

172. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $44,300 arise to implement the requested activities, including (a) $35,700 for interpretation and documentation requirements under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and (b) $8,600 for travel and daily subsistence allowance for two staff members of the Office of the High Commissioner to conduct a needs assessment mission to South Sudan under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

173. As these requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget, additional appropriations in the amount of $44,300 will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund.

AAA. Resolution 18/19: Technical assistance and capacity-building for Yemen in the field of human rights

174. Under the terms of paragraph 10 of resolution 18/19, the Human Rights Council requested the Office of the High Commissioner to present a progress report on the situation of human rights in Yemen and the follow-up to the resolution to the Human Rights Council at its nineteenth session.

175. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $168,600 arise to implement the requested activities, including (a) $35,700 for interpretation and documentation requirements under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and (b) $132,900 for travel and daily subsistence allowance for three staff members to conduct an assessment mission in mid-October 2011 and for general temporary assistance for positions (one P-4 Human Rights Officer and one P-3 Investigative Officer for six weeks and one P-3 Security Officer for seven weeks) under section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. In addition, $9,500 would be required under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

176. Provision for the estimated additional requirements of $168,600 has not been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The Council was, however, informed that all possible efforts would be made to meet those additional requirements from within available resources approved under sections 2 and 23 of the programme budget and to report thereon in the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011. No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution.

BBB. Resolution 18/20: Panel on the promotion and protection of human rights in a multicultural context, including through combating xenophobia, discrimination and intolerance

177. Under the terms of paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of resolution 18/20, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to convene, within existing resources, at its twentieth session, a panel discussion on the promotion and protection of human rights in a multicultural context, including through combating xenophobia, discrimination and intolerance;

(b) Requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to liaise with relevant special procedures and treaty bodies, States and other stakeholders, including relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion;

(c) Also requested the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the outcome of the panel discussion in the form of a summary.

178. As a result of the adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council, additional requirements of $63,400 arise to implement the requested activities, including (a) $28,400 for conference services for translation in all official languages of the United Nations, reproduction and distribution of the report under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and (b) $35,000 for travel and daily subsistence allowance for a special rapporteur, a member of a treaty body and three experts to participate in the panel discussion under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

179. As these requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, additional appropriations in the amount of $63,400 will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund.

CCC. Resolution 18/22: Human rights and climate change

180. Under the terms of paragraphs 2 (a) and 4 (a) of resolution 18/22, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Requested the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to convene, prior to the nineteenth session of the Human Rights Council, a seminar on addressing the adverse impacts of climate change on the full enjoyment of human rights, with a view to following up on the call for respecting human rights in all climate change-related actions and policies, and forging stronger interface and cooperation between the human rights and climate change communities;

(b) Requested the Office of the High Commissioner to submit to the Human Rights Council, at its twentieth session, a summary report on the above-mentioned seminar, including any recommendations stemming therefrom, for consideration of further follow-up action.

181. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $73,000 arise to implement the requested activities in 2011, including (a) $24,000 for conference services for translation, reproduction and distribution of the summary report in all official languages of the United Nations under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; (b) $48,000 for travel and daily subsistence allowance for two climate change panellists and five experts to participate in the discussion under section 23, Human rights; and (c) $1,000 for conference support services under section 28E, Administration, Geneva, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

182. Provision for the estimated additional requirements of $73,000 has not been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The Council was, however, informed that all possible efforts would be made to meet the additional requirements of $73,000 from within available resources approved under section 23 and to report thereon in the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011. No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution.

DDD. Resolution 18/23: Promoting awareness, understanding and the application of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights through sport and the Olympic ideal

183. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of resolution 18/23, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to convene, within existing resources, at its nineteenth session, a high-level interactive panel discussion to highlight, examine and suggest ways in which sport and major sporting events, in particular the Olympic and Paralympic Games, could be used to promote awareness and understanding of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the application of the principles enshrined therein;

(b) Requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to liaise with relevant special procedures, States and other stakeholders, including relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, with a view to ensuring their participation in the above-mentioned panel discussion;

(c) Requested the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the outcome of the panel discussion in the form of a summary.

184. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $63,400 arise to implement the requested activities, including (a) $28,400 for conference services for translation into all official languages of the United Nations, reproduction and distribution of the report under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and (b) $35,000 for travel and daily subsistence allowance for one day for a special procedure mandate holder and four experts to participate in the panel discussion under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

185. As these requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, additional appropriations of $63,400 will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund.

EEE. Resolution 18/25: Advisory services and technical assistance for Cambodia

186. Under the terms of paragraphs 9 and 10 of resolution 18/25, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend by two years the mandate of the special procedure on the situation of human rights in Cambodia, and requested the Special Rapporteur to report on the implementation of his mandate to the Council at its twenty-first and twenty-fourth sessions, and to engage in a constructive manner with the Government of Cambodia for the further improvement of the situation of human rights in the country;

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its twenty-first and twenty-fourth session on the role and achievements of the Office of the High Commissioner in assisting the Government and the people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights.

187. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $417,600 per biennium or $208,000 per annum, including (a) conference services for interpretation and documentation requirements under section 2 ($159,200) and (b) travel of the Special Rapporteur and staff and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($49,600). No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Special Rapporteur, the related requirements for 2012-2013 will continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

FFF. Resolution 18/28: Mandate of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

188. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of resolution 18/28, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent for a further period of three years, in accordance with the terms of reference contained in Human Rights Council resolution 9/14;

(b) Also decided that the Working Group should undertake a minimum of two country visits per year;

(c) Requested the Working Group to submit an annual report to the Human Rights Council on all activities relating to its mandate.

189. The mandate of the Working Group falls under the category of activities considered to be of a "perennial nature". Resources for such activities have been provided under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 in the amount of $777,200 per biennium or $388,600 per annum, including (a) conference services for two sessions, translation and production of the reports and other documents under section 2 ($180,700); (b) travel of the Working Group members and staff, consultancy services at P-3 level for three months and general operating expenses during field missions under section 23 ($203,400); and (c) conference support services under section 28E, Administration, Geneva ($4,500). No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution. Owing to the "perennial nature" of the activities of the Working Group, the related requirements for 2012-2013 would continue to be considered in the context of proposed programme budgets.

GGG. Decision 18/118: Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights

190. Under the terms of paragraphs 3 and 4 of decision 18/118, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to convene, within existing resources, at its twenty-first session, a panel discussion under agenda item 5 on the issue of intimidation or reprisal against individuals and groups who cooperate or have cooperated with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights;

(b) Requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a report on the outcome of the panel discussion in the form of a summary.

191. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $70,400 arise to implement the requested activities, including (a) $28,400 for conference services for translation into all official languages of the United Nations, reproduction and distribution of the report under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and (b) $42,000 for travel and daily subsistence allowance for a treaty body member and six experts

to participate in the panel discussion under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

192. As these requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, additional appropriations in the amount of $70,400 will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund.

HHH. Decision 18/119: Panel on freedom of expression on the Internet

193. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of decision 18/119, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to convene, within existing resources, at its nineteenth session, a panel discussion on the promotion and protection of freedom of expression on the Internet, with a particular focus on the ways and means to improve its protection in accordance with international human rights law;

(b) Requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to liaise with relevant special procedures, States and other stakeholders, including relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, with a view to ensuring multi-stakeholder participation in the panel discussion;

(c) Also requested the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the outcome of the panel discussion in the form of a summary.

194. As a result of the adoption of the decision, additional requirements of $70,400 arise to implement the requested activities, including (a) $28,400 for conference services for translation into all official languages of the United Nations, reproduction and distribution of the report on the outcome of the panel discussion under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and (b) $42,000 for travel and daily subsistence allowance for a treaty body member, a special procedure mandate holder and five experts to participate in the panel discussion in Geneva under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

195. As these requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget, additional appropriations in the amount of $70,400 would be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund.

III. Resolution S-15/1: Situation of human rights in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

196. Under the terms of paragraphs 11, 12 and 13 of resolution S-15/1, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to urgently dispatch an independent, international commission of inquiry, to be appointed by the President of the Council, to investigate all alleged violations of international human rights law in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, to establish the facts and circumstances of such violations and of the crimes perpetrated, and, where possible to identify those responsible, to make recommendations, in particular, on accountability measures, all with a view to ensuring that those individuals responsible are held accountable, and to report to the

Council at its seventeenth session, and calls upon the Libyan authorities to fully cooperate with the Commission;

(b) Requested the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to provide all administrative, technical and logistical assistance required to enable the above-mentioned commission of inquiry to fulfil its mandate;

(c) Requested the High Commissioner to provide an oral update on the situation of human rights in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the Council at its sixteenth session, to submit a follow-up report to the Council at its seventeenth session, as well as to organize an interactive dialogue on the situation of human rights situation in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya during the seventeenth session of the Council;

197. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $1,747,000 arose to implement the requested activities, including (a) $426,400 for interpretation and translation of documentation under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and (b) $1,320,600 for financing the international commission of inquiry under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, including: (a) 25 general temporary assistance positions for two to three months (1 P-5 Overall Coordinator, 2 P-4 Coordinators of operations of two teams, 2 P-4 Legal Analysts, 1 P-4 Public Information Officer, 1 P-3 Archivist, 8 P-3 Human Rights Officers, 1 P-3 Political Analyst, 5 P-3 Security Officers, 2 General Service (Other level) Administrative Assistants, 2 General Service (Other level) Logistical Assistants); (b) two Forensic Pathologist consultants at P-3 level for four work-months and one Criminal Investigator consultant at P-4 level for three months; and (c) travel and general operating expenses. In addition, $109,700 would be required under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

198. Provision for the estimated additional requirements of $1,747,000 has not been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. All possible efforts have been made to meet the additional requirements of $1,747,000 from within available resources approved under sections 2 and 23 of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 and to report thereon in the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011. At this stage, it is anticipated that those requirements will be absorbed within existing resources of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 and that no additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution.

JJJ. Resolution S-16/1: The current human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic in the context of recent events

199. Under the terms of paragraphs 7 and 9 of resolution S-16/1, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to dispatch urgently a mission to the Syrian Arab Republic to investigate all alleged violations of international human rights law and to establish the facts and circumstances of such violations and of the crimes perpetrated, with a view to avoiding impunity and ensuring full accountability, and to provide a

preliminary report and oral update on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic to the Human Rights Council at its seventeenth session, and to submit a follow-up report to the Council at its eighteenth session, and also requested the High Commissioner to organize an interactive dialogue on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic during the eighteenth session of the Council;

(b) Requested the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to provide all the administrative, technical and logistical assistance required to enable the mission to fulfil its mandate.

200. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $926,600 arise to implement the requested activities, including (a) $312,500 for interpretation and translation of documentation under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and (b) $614,100 for financing the international commission of inquiry under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, including (a) 14 general temporary assistance positions for two months (1 P-5 Overall Coordinator, 1 P-4 Investigations Coordinator, 1 P-4 Legal Adviser, 5 P-3 Human Rights Officers, 1 P-3 Political Analyst, 1 P-3 Archivist, 1 P-3 and 1 General Service (Other level) Security Officers, 1 General Service (Other level) Administrative Assistant, 1 General Service (Other level) Logistical Assistant; (b) one Forensic Pathologist consultant at P-3 level for two work-months and one Military Expert consultant at P-3 level for two months; and (c) travel and general operating expenses. In addition, $62,700 is required under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

201. Provision for the estimated additional requirements of $926,600 has not been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The Council was informed that all possible efforts would be made to meet the additional requirements of $926,600 from within available resources approved under sections 2 and 23 of the programme budget and to report thereon in the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011. No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution.

KKK. Resolution S-17/1: Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic

202. Under the terms of paragraphs 13, 14, 15, 17 and 18 of resolution S-17/1, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to dispatch urgently an independent international commission of inquiry, to be appointed by the President of the Human Rights Council, to investigate all alleged violations of international human rights law since March 2011 in the Syrian Arab Republic, to establish the facts and circumstances that might amount to such violations and the crimes perpetrated and, where possible, to identify those responsible with a view to ensuring that perpetrators of violations, including those that might constitute crimes against humanity, were held accountable;

(b) Requested that the report of the above-mentioned commission of inquiry be made public as soon as possible and, in any case, before the end of November 2011, and also requested the commission of inquiry to present a written update to the report on the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic in an interactive dialogue at the nineteenth session of the Human Rights Council, with the participation of the High Commissioner;

(c) Decided to transmit the report of the commission of inquiry and the update thereto to the General Assembly and recommended that the Assembly transmit the reports to all relevant bodies of the United Nations;

(d) Requested the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to provide the full administrative, technical and logistical support needed to enable the commission of inquiry to carry out its mandate;

(e) Requested the High Commissioner to report on the implementation of the resolution to the Human Rights Council at its nineteenth session.

203. As a result of the adoption of the resolution, additional requirements of $2,517,400 arise to implement the requested activities, including (a) $993,900 for interpretation and translation of documentation under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and (b) $1,523,500 for financing the international commission of inquiry under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, including (a) 16 general temporary assistance positions for approximately six months (1 P-5 Overall Coordinator, 1 P-4 Legal Adviser, 1 P-4 Human Rights Reporting Officer, 1 P-4 Investigative Team Leader, 5 P-3 Investigation Officers, 1 P-3 Witness Protection Officer, 1 P-3 Archivist, 3 P-3 Security Officers, 1 General Service (Other level) Administrative Assistant and 1 General Service (Other level) Logistical Assistant); (b) one Forensic Pathologist consultant at P-3 level for one work-month, one security sector consultant at P-4 level for one month and one Media Expert consultant at P-3 level for six weeks; and (c) travel and general operating expenses. In addition, $228,600 would be required under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

204. Provision for the estimated additional requirements of $2,517,400 has not been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The Human Rights Council was, however, informed that all possible efforts would be made to meet the additional requirements of $2,517,400 from within available resources approved under sections 2 and 23 of the programme budget and to report thereon in the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011. No additional appropriations will be requested as a result of the adoption of the resolution.

205. Additional requirements of $575,500 also arise in connection with follow-up to implementation of the requested activities under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, including (a) general temporary assistance positions for one P-3 Archivist for one month, three P-3 Security Officers for six weeks and one General Service (Other level) Logistical Assistant for six weeks; and (b) travel and general operating expenses. As these requirements have not been provided for in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, additional appropriations in the amount of $575,500 under section 24, Human rights, will be sought under the terms of the 2012-2013 contingency fund.

III. Conclusions and action required of the General Assembly

206. As reflected in the annex to the present report, the implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth sessions and its fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth special sessions, in 2010 and 2011, give rise to a total requirement of $23,835,500, of which $10,573,700 relates to the biennium 2010-2011 and $13,261,800 relates to the biennium 2012-2013.

207. With regard to the requirements for the biennium 2010-2011 amounting to $10,573,700, they are additional to the requirements of $12,138,200 arising from the resolutions and decisions of the Council and relating to activities of a "perennial nature" for which provisions have been already made in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

208. As the 2010-2011 additional requirements of $10,573,700, including $3,055,500 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, $7,498,100 under section 23, Human rights, and $20,100 under section 28E, Administration, Geneva, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, have already been financed through the redeployment of existing resources and partially through temporary financing from extrabudgetary resources, it is proposed to meet these requirements from within the resources appropriated under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 as reported in the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011.

209. For the biennium 2012-2013, the estimated requirements amounting to $12,138,200 for the implementation of activities of a "perennial nature" will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

210. It is proposed that the additional requirements of $13,261,800 for the biennium 2012-2013, resulting from new activities, approved by the Human Rights Council for the biennium 2012-2013, be provided for in the context of the contingency fund for the biennium 2012-2013. This amount of $13,261,800 includes the resources for establishment of six new posts: (a) one P-3 and one General Service (Other level) to support the Consultative Group as provided for in resolution 16/21 (Review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council); and (b) one P-4, one P-3, one P-2/1 and one General Service (Other level) as provided for in resolution 17/4 (Human rights and transnational corporations).

211. In summary, the General Assembly is requested:

(a) To endorse the meeting of additional 2010-2011 requirements of $10,573,700 from within the resources appropriated under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, as reported in the second performance report for the biennium 2010-2011;

(b) To approve an additional appropriation of $13,261,800, including $5,738,000 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, $7,379,500 under section 24, Human rights, and $144,300 under section 28E, Administration, Geneva, of the

proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 in the context of the contingency fund for the biennium 2012-2013;

(c) To approve the establishment of six new posts (1 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 P-2/1 and 2 General Service (Other level) under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

212. **In connection with paragraph 211 (c) above, the amount of $178,800 would be required under section 37, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.**

Annex

Summary of requirements resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Human Rights Council at its sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth sessions and its fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth special sessions

(Thousands of United States dollars)

				2010-2011		2012-2013		Nature of activity		
Human Rights Council resolution/decision		*Budget section*	*Requirements per biennium*	*Existing provision in the 2010-2011 programme budget*	*Requirements to be accommodated within the existing appropriation*	*Requirements included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013*	*Requirements to be sought through the contingency fund*	*New*	*Perennial*	*Relevant paragraphs of the Human Rights Council resolution or decision*
16/2	The human right to safe drinking water and sanitation	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	4 and 5 (h)
		23	247.8	247.8		247.8			247.8	
16/4	Freedom of opinion and expression: mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	2 and 5
		23	157.6	157.6		157.6			157.6	
16/5	Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	2 and 2 (g)
		23	160.6	160.6		160.6			160.6	
16/6	Mandate of the independent expert on minority issues	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	9 and 9 (g)
		23	124.8	124.8		124.8			124.8	
16/7	Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	2, 5 and 8
		23	162.6	162.6		162.6			162.6	
16/8	Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	23	63.7	63.7		63.7			63.7	3, 7 and 8
16/9	Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran	2	318.4		159.2		159.2	159.2		1
		23	492.2		246.1		246.1	246.1		

Human Rights Council resolution/decision		Budget section	Requirements per biennium	2010-2011		2012-2013		Nature of activity		Relevant paragraphs of the Human Rights Council resolution or decision
				Existing provision in the 2010-2011 programme budget	Requirements to be accommodated within the existing appropriation	Requirements included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013	Requirements to be sought through the contingency fund	New	Perennial	
16/11	Human rights and the environment	23	50.4		50.4					1
16/12	Rights of the child: a holistic approach to the protection and promotion of the rights of children working and/or living on the street	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	20
		23	157.6	157.6		157.6			157.6	
16/14	Mandate of the independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights	2	318.4	318.4	14.2	318.4			318.4	2, 3, 4 and 7
		23	154.6	154.6	66.3	154.6			154.6	
16/15	Role of international cooperation in support of national efforts for the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities	2	12.7				12.7	12.7		16 and 17
		23	73.5		21.0		52.5	52.5		
16/16	Enforced or involuntary disappearances	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	4 and 7
		23	504.8	504.8	175.8	504.8	351.6	351.6	504.8	
16/18	Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatization of, and discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against, persons based on religion or belief	23	30.9		30.9					9
16/21	Review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council	2	537.8		268.9		537.8	537.8		2 and 4
		23	572.4		286.2		286.2	286.2		
		28E	38.2		19.1		38.2	38.2		

Human Rights Council resolution/decision		Budget section	Requirements per biennium	2010-2011		2012-2013		Nature of activity		Relevant paragraphs of the Human Rights Council resolution or decision
				Existing provision in the 2010-2011 programme budget	Requirements to be accommodated within the existing appropriation	Requirements included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013	Requirements to be sought through the contingency fund	New	Perennial	
16/23	Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	3
		23	157.6	157.6		157.6			157.6	
16/24	Situation of human rights in Myanmar	23	147.6	73.8		73.8			73.8	24 and 26
16/25	Situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire	2	402.9		402.9					10, 12, 13 and 14
		23	683.6		683.6					
16/26	The Social Forum	2	147.2	147.2		147.2			147.2	6, 8, 9, 11 and 13
		23	29.4	29.4	31.7	29.4			29.4	
		28E	2.4	2.4		2.4			2.4	
16/28	The protection of human rights in the context of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)	23	30.9				30.9	30.9		26
16/33	Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	1 and 3
		23	156.6	156.6		156.6			156.6	
16/116 (decision)	Panel on the human rights of victims of terrorism	23	37.0		37.0					1, 2 and 3
16/117 (decision)	Right to development	23	21.7		21.7					1 and 2
Subtotal (sixteenth session)			**7 847.7**	**5 485.1**	**2 515.0**	**5 485.1**	**1 309.9**	**1 309.9**	**5 485.1**	
17/1	Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	2 and 2 (i)
		23	195.8	195.8		195.8			195.8	

Human Rights Council resolution/decision		*Budget section*	*Requirements per biennium*	*2010-2011*		*2012-2013*		*Nature of activity*		*Relevant paragraphs of the Human Rights Council resolution or decision*
				Existing provision in the 2010-2011 programme budget	*Requirements to be accommodated within the existing appropriation*	*Requirements included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013*	*Requirements to be sought through the contingency fund*	*New*	*Perennial*	
17/2	Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	2, 2 (g) and 5
		23	157.4	157.4		157.4			157.4	
17/3	The right to education: follow-up to Human Rights Council resolution 8/4	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	6
		23	177.8	177.8		177.8			177.8	
17/4	Human rights and transnational corporations	2	2 598.2	318.4		318.4	2 279.8	2 279.8	318.4	6, 6 (j), 9, 12, 13, 14 and 17
		24	1 521.9	142.0		142.0	1 379.9	1 379.9	142.0	
		28E	92.8				92.8	92.8		
17/5	Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary and arbitrary executions	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	7 (a), 10 and 11
			177.2	177.2		177.2			177.2	
17/6	Mandate of the independent expert on human rights and international solidarity	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	1 and 4
		23	127.6	127.6		127.6			127.6	
17/12	Human rights of migrants: mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	1 and 1 (h)
		23	193.6	193.6		193.6			193.6	
17/13	Extreme poverty and human rights	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	2, 3 and 4
		23	167.4	167.4		167.4			167.4	
17/14	The right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health in the context of development and access to medicines	2	283.8				283.8	283.8		11
		23	135.5				135.5	135.5		
		28E	2.7				2.7	2.7		
17/17	Human rights situation in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2	333.7		333.7		129.4	129.4		14
		23	1 836.6		1 836.6		230.7	230.7		

Human Rights Council resolution decision		*Budget section*	*Requirements per biennium*	*2010-2011*		*2012-2013*		*Nature of activity*		*Relevant paragraphs of the Human Rights Council resolution or decision*
				Existing provision in the 2010-2011 programme budget	*Requirements to be accommodated within the existing appropriation*	*Requirements included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013*	*Requirements to be sought through the contingency fund*	*New*	*Perennial*	
17/18	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communication procedure	2	1 582.6							2 and 3
		23	582.1							
		28E	28.1							
17/19	Human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity	2	44.7				44.7	44.7		1 and 2
		23	127.5		98.0		29.5	29.5		
17/21	Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire in the field of human rights	2	159.2				159.2	159.2		10, 11, 12, 15 and 16
		23	414.3		8.8		414.3	414.3		
17/23	The negative impact of the non-repatriation of funds of illicit origin to the countries of origin on the enjoyment of human rights	2	53.3				53.3	53.3		3
		23	30.0		30.0					
17/24	Human rights situation in Belarus	2	44.7		44.7					3 and 4
		23	31.6		31.6					
17/25	Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights	2	318.4	159.2		159.2			159.2	7 and 8
		23	215.8	107.9	168.8	107.9	55.0	55.0	107.9	
17/118 (decision)	Establishment of the Office of the President of the Human Rights Council	23	1 146.9				1 146.9	1 146.9		1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8
17/119 (decision)	Follow-up to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21 on the universal periodic review	2	54.4				54.4	54.4		3 and 4
17/120 (decision)	Panel on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests	2	39.4		39.4					1, 2 and 3
		24	34.5		34.5					
Subtotal (seventeenth session)			**15 138.3**	**4 153.1**	**2 626.1**	**4 153.1**	**6 491.9**	**6 491.9**	**4 153.1**	
18/2	Preventable maternal mortality and morbidity and human rights	2	28.0				28.0	28.0		5 and 6
		24	152.0				152.0	152.0		
		29E	1.9				1.9	1.9		

Human Rights Council resolution/decision		Budget section	Requirements per biennium	2010-2011		2012-2013		Nature of activity		Relevant paragraphs of the Human Rights Council resolution or decision
				Existing provision in the 2010-2011 programme budget	Requirements to be accommodated within the existing appropriation	Requirements included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013	Requirements to be sought through the contingency fund	New	Perennial	
18/3	Panel to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities	2	28.4				28.4	28.4		1, 2 and 3
		24	42.0				42.0	42.0		
18/5	Human rights and international solidarity	2	57.7				57.7	57.7		16, 17 and 18
		24	226.6				226.6	226.6		
		29E	1.9				1.9	1.9		
18/6	Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order	2	660.4				660.4	660.4		14 and 17
		24	919.2				919.2	919.2		
		29E	3.8				3.8	3.8		
18/7	Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence	2	772.2				772.2	772.2		1 and 4
		24	929.8				929.8	929.8		
		29E	2.0				2.0	2.0		
18/8	Human rights and indigenous peoples	2	56.8				56.8	56.8		14
		24	60.0				60.0	60.0		
18/10	Human rights and issues related to terrorist hostage-taking	2	245.6				245.6	245.6		5, 6 and 8
		24	19.5				19.5	19.5		
18/11	Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes	2	519.0	519.0		519.0			519.0	2 and 5
		24	546.6	546.6		546.6			546.6	
18/14	Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights	2	184.5				184.5	184.5		4 and 5
		24	179.3				179.3	179.3		
		29E	1.0				1.0	1.0		

Human Rights Council resolution/decision		*Budget section*	*Requirements per biennium*	*2010-2011*		*2012-2013*		*Nature of activity*		*Relevant paragraphs of the Human Rights Council resolution or decision*
				Existing provision in the 2010-2011 programme budget	*Requirements to be accommodated within the existing appropriation*	*Requirements included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013*	*Requirements to be sought through the contingency fund*	*New*	*Perennial*	
18/16	Technical assistance for the Sudan in the field of human rights	2	159.2	159.2		159.2			159.2	11
		24	80.4	80.4		80.4			80.4	
18/17	Technical assistance and capacity-building for South Sudan in the field of human rights	2	35.7				35.7	35.7		5 and 7
		24	8.6				8.6	8.6		
18/19	Technical assistance and capacity-building for Yemen in the field of human rights	2	35.7		35.7					10
		24	132.9		132.9					
18/20	Panel on the promotion and protection of human rights in a multicultural context, including through combating xenophobia, discrimination and intolerance	2	28.4				28.4	28.4		3, 4 and 5
		24	35.0				35.0	35.0		
18/22	Human rights and climate change	2	24.0		24.0					2 (a) and 4 (a)
		24	48.0		48.0					
		29E	1.0		1.0					
18/23	Promoting awareness, understanding and the application of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights through sport and the Olympic ideal	2	28.4				28.4	28.4		1, 2 and 3
		24	35.0				35.0	35.0		
18/25	Advisory services and technical assistance for Cambodia	2	318.4	318.4		318.4			318.4	9 and 10
		24	99.2	99.2		99.2			99.2	
18/28	Mandate of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent	2	361.4	361.4		361.4			361.4	1, 2 and 4
		24	406.8	406.4		406.8			406.8	
		29E	9.0	9.0		9.0			9.0	

Human Rights Council resolution/decision		Budget section	Requirements per biennium	2010-2011		2012-2013		Nature of activity		Relevant paragraphs of the Human Rights Council resolution or decision
				Existing provision in the 2010-2011 programme budget	Requirements to be accommodated within the existing appropriation	Requirements included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013	Requirements to be sought through the contingency fund	New	Perennial	
18/118	Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights	2	28.4				28.4	28.4		3 and 4
		24	42.0				42.0	42.0		
18/119	Panel on freedom of expression on the Internet	2	28.4				28.4	28.4		1, 2 and 3
		24	42.0				42.0	42.0		
Subtotal (eighteenth session)			**7 626.1**	**2 500.0**	**241.6**	**2 509.0**	**4 884.5**	**4 884.5**	**2 495.5**	
Total, regular sessions			**30 612.1**	**12 138.2**	**5 382.7**	**12 138.2**	**12 686.3**	**12 686.3**	**12 133.7**	
S-15/1	Situation of human rights in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2	426.4		426.4					11, 12 and 13
		24	1 320.6		1 320.6					
Subtotal (fifteenth special session)			**1 747.0**		**1 747.0**					
S-16/1	The current human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic in the context of recent events	2	312.5		312.5					7 and 9
		24	614.1		614.1					
Subtotal (sixteenth special session)			**926.6**		**926.6**					
S-17/1	Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic	2	993.9		993.9					13, 14, 15, 17 and 18
		24	1 523.5		1 523.5		575.5	575.5		
Subtotal (seventeenth special session)			**2 517.4**		**2 517.4**		**575.5**	**575.5**		
Total, special sessions			**5 191.0**		**5 191.0**		**575.5**	**575.5**		
Grand total			**36 816.9**	**12 138.2**	**10 573.7**	**12 138.2**	**13 261.8**	**13 261.8**	**12 138.2**	

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Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 65/37 B, a workshop was held in Chile from 13 to 15 September 2011, under the auspices of the United Nations, in support of the first phase of the first assessment cycle of the regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects.

I have the honour to transmit herewith the attached summary of the workshop (see annex).

I would kindly request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 76.

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Annex to the letter dated 28 October 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

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Final report of the workshop held under the auspices of the United Nations in support of the regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects

Santiago, Chile, 13-15 September 2011

I. Background

1. Pursuant to the recommendations made at the second meeting of the Special Plenary Working Group on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socio-economic Aspects, a workshop was held from 13 to 15 September 2011 at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago, Chile, under the auspices of the United Nations, in support of the regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects.

2. The workshop was conducted in close coordination between the host country, Chile, and the Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, and was organized with the cooperation of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific. It received financial support from the United Nations Programme for the Environment (UNEP). Its proceedings unfolded in line with the agenda (see annex 1). A list of participants and observers is contained in annex 2.

II. Proceedings of the workshop[1]

3. As suggested in the guidelines for workshops, the host country appointed the Chair and Vice-Chair of the workshop, who were, respectively, Héctor Soldi, the Secretary-General of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific, and Leonardo Guzmán, the representative of the Fisheries Development Institute of Chile. The Chair appointed Marcelo Nilo, the Director of Scientific Affairs of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific, as Rapporteur.

4. The workshop began with a series of expositions on various aspects of the regular process. The following presentations were made:

[1] All the presentations made at the workshop are available at: http://proceso.ordinario.cpps-int.org/docs/chile-sept-2011.

4.1 *Coordination of the regional workshop of the South-East Pacific.* Mr. Héctor Soldi, Secretary-General of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (annex 3)

Mr. Soldi, after referring to the decision of the countries of the South-East Pacific to coordinate their participation in the regular process in the context of the Commission, highlighted the activities carried out to date, including cooperation in the organization of the workshop.

4.2 *General presentation on the aims, scope and outcome of the workshop.* Mr. Alan Simcock, Group of Experts of the Regular Process (annex 4)

Mr. Simcock, who adopted a cross-cutting approach in describing the frameworks for discussion[2] that required the participants' consideration, emphasized the aims, scope and desired outcome of the workshop.

4.3 *The current status of the proposed outline for the first integrated assessment of the state of the marine environment.* Mr. Peter Harris, Group of Experts of the Regular Process (annex 5)

Mr. Harris described the current status of developments in the preparation of the proposed outline[3] for the first integrated assessment of the state of the marine environment and reviewed the list of topics identified in the various sections of the assessment, including some illustrative examples that clarified specific topics.

4.4 *Outcome of countries' prioritization of items for the first integrated marine assessment of the regular process.* Mr. Marcelo Nilo, Director of Scientific Affairs of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (annex 6)

The Director of Scientific Affairs of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific gave a presentation in which he described the work carried out by five countries (Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama and Peru) on prioritization of items for the proposed outline for the first assessment, highlighting the issues that were of greatest importance to the region.

[2] The representative of Saudi Arabia, in commenting on the list of recommendations of the Special Plenary Working Group with respect to potential focal points for workshops, asked why the area of sea to the east of Saudi Arabia was not listed. In reply, it was stated that that area was covered by the description of the area of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Regional Commission for Fisheries which did appear on the list. The representative of Saudi Arabia then observed that, such being the case, it would be appropriate to add a footnote annotating the description and in all future uses of the term to state that it had no effect on existing international agreements and established maritime boundaries.

[3] The representative of China, referring to the version of the possible outline for the first global assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects, that had been circulated by the Co-Chairs of the Special Plenary Working Group, read out the comments submitted by the Group of 77 and China. The coordinator of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process explained that the process of revising the possible outline was ongoing and took account of the varied comments received. Once the process had been finalized and had been reviewed by the Group of Experts, it would be posted on the website of the Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea and/or the website of the regular process (when the latter had become operational).

4.5 *Criteria for the standardization and organization of information for the assessment*. Mr. Patricio Bernal, Group of Experts of the Regular Process (annex 7)

Mr. Bernal expounded on the criteria for the standardization and organization of information for the integrated assessment, as contained in the guidance document for the authors of the assessment. He laid particular emphasis on certain information quality attributes and other features that should, to the extent possible, characterize the assessment process (method, data, validation, traceability) and the incorporation of information therein.

4.6 *Guidance for authors involved in developing the outline for the integrated assessment of the state of the marine environment*. Mr. Alan Simcock (annex 8)

Mr. Simcock spoke about the guidance for authors involved in developing the outline for the integrated assessment of the state of the marine environment, emphasizing technical aspects, peer reviews, the criteria for the appointment of experts and the need to draw up a list of experts.

4.7 *Regional seas agreements and action plans*. Mr. Alberto Pacheco, UNEP regional seas programme (annex 9)

In his presentation, Mr. Pacheco spoke about the regional seas and the important contribution they could make to the regular process. He raised the possibility of extending support to the regions under the training planned as part of the regular process.

5. After every presentation, time was allotted for comments by the participants. The main observations were as follows:

- In accordance with the guidelines for the workshop, and given the volume of work that would be involved in the selection and assessment of the information for the structuring of the report by the countries of the South-East Pacific region, it was necessary to expand the list of experts who would contribute to the assessment process in that region.
- Emphasis should be placed on the importance of correctly identifying the need for capacity-building to drive the comprehension and internalization of integrated analysis methods for the marine environment, including issues from the multidisciplinary standpoint as well as those that were governance-related. The role of the United Nations, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies in support of the regular process was deemed critical for the region.
- Biodiversity at the regional level should be studied in greater depth.
- The coverage of consultations in the prioritization process should be expanded by including a broader range of experts.
- Additional clarification was required regarding the methodological framework adopted by the United Nations — drivers, pressures, state, impacts, responses (DPSIR) — and its connection with the outline for the first integrated assessment of the state of the marine environment. It would be appropriate to consider, in the context of the integrated assessment, the methodological approach used in large marine ecosystem projects and in particular the

transboundary diagnostic analysis available to Chile and Peru (GEF/Humboldt Project).

- It would be helpful to establish from the outset the frameworks for carrying out information analysis: the type (qualitative/quantitative), spatial and temporal scales and scope of each analysis. The same comment applied to information sources (particularly databases) and their provenance.
- Attention was drawn to the large volume of information in assessments and surveys carried out in academia. Such information was rich in content and reliable, given the high level of professionalism found in academic circles and the fact that information even underwent peer review. It should therefore be considered and made use of in the regular process. Information generated by the private sector could also be helpful.
- The nature of the data required in order to embark on an integrated assessment of the state of the marine environment should be clarified.
- Any regional databases, metadata and information available should be assessed in the light of the standards proposed by the Group of Experts.
- There was a need to look in depth at methodological issues, given the possibility of discrepancies where points of agreement were lacking and the scientific basis was weak or non-existent.
- Methodological options that would allow use of the maximum amount of available information should be sought. The options should enable data quality to be improved and brought in line with the proposed standards.
- The importance of the notion of expert judgement should be recognized in every assessment with a scientific and technical basis.
- The existence of regional information-gathering processes based on international standards should be recognized.
- The wealth of knowledge available at the national level should receive attention and be shared, and it should be scaled up to the regional level in accordance with common standards.
- Given the magnitude of the undertaking, emphasis was placed on the need to receive support for capacity-building and technical and financial assistance; the offer made by the representative of the UNEP regional seas programme was therefore welcome.

6. To organize the work of the participants, the following working method was adopted at the suggestion of the members of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process: three groups based on the principal disciplinary areas of the experts present and relevant to the regular process were formed. The working groups thus identified were:

- Working Group I: physical sciences (physical and chemical oceanography, geophysics, marine geology and pollution)
- Working Group II: biological sciences (biodiversity, fisheries biology, marine ecology and marine biology)

- Working Group III: socio-economic aspects (economics, resource economics, fisheries economics, national and regional planning, demographics and econometrics)

7. Each Working Group contained a representative of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process as coordinator and an expert from the region as rapporteur. Annex 10 describes how the integration of the Working Groups and their coordinators operated.

8. The Groups met consecutively, each being allotted a full three-hour working session. The sessions were open to all the participants in the workshop, thereby encouraging wide-ranging discussions covering the different disciplinary areas. Each Group had a list of questions prepared in accordance with the guidelines for workshops held in support of the regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects.

9. According to the information collected to date, the main elements identified by each of the Working Groups in response to the general questions, were as follows:

A. Working Group I: physical sciences

Coordinator: Mr. Peter Harris

Rapporteur: Captain Edwin Pinto (Ecuador)

1. What assessments exist that might be useful in the regular process?

Assessments of a regular nature:

(a) Regional oceanographic cruises of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific, conducted by Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Chile, in which there is simultaneous monitoring of physical, biological and physical conditions up to a depth of 500 metres. The results are published annually after they are reviewed by the participating countries. The information from these cruises is stored at the Commission;

(b) Climate alert bulletins coordinated by the Commission. These bulletins are issued monthly and present a compilation of oceanographic and meteorological information for the region in a single document, together with a short-term forecast;

Other assessments include:

(c) Periodical monitoring of physical, chemical and biological parameters by means of oceanographic cruises and coastal surveys. The information obtained from these cruises and surveys is published and disseminated differently in each country and is stored in national databases on an individual basis;

(d) Monitoring the quality of coastal waters (Peru);

(e) Comparison of areas with and without upwelling since 1987 (Panama);

(f) Oceanographic research cruises since 1950 with results published in the scientific literature. An evaluation of physical data in fjords has been

carried out in conjunction with fisheries research and has been reported for the past 18 years (Chile);

(g) The erosion of the coastal area has been evaluated in an annual publication (Colombia);

(h) Monitoring of pollutants in coastal waters (Panama);

(i) Regional surveys of ports, waves and relative sea level (Ecuador).

2. If there are no useful assessments available, is there unevaluated information that can be used?

(a) Average sea-level measurements. The countries of the South-East Pacific have tide-gauge stations, some of which have been operating consecutively for several decades. In the majority of cases this information has not been properly corrected or lacks gravimetric measurements and cannot therefore be used in determining average sea-level measurements;

(b) Glacier shrinkage. Glacier shrinkage is normally studied by meteorological institutes, yet it affects the behaviour of estuary ecosystems (Ecuador);

(c) Mangrove deforestation. Another issue which has not been included in the study of estuaries is mangrove deforestation, which directly affects estuary ecosystems (Ecuador);

(d) Antarctica database. Antarctica research programme, with a database started in the 1970s, covering an extensive geographical area (Chile). Other countries also have research programmes in Antarctica, with more recent sets of data. This information has not been evaluated at the regional level in the context of climate change (Peru and Ecuador);

(e) Surveys from ocean and coastal platforms. Systematic monitoring for the installation and operation of platforms for hydrocarbon extraction (Peru) and for aquaculture and port infrastructure (Chile). Seismic studies to determine the presence of hydrocarbons in the ocean subsoil (Ecuador and Colombia);

(f) A sediment map. A sediment map developed in the 1980s is currently being updated and covers depths from the coastline to 300 metres. In recent years more modern mapping equipment has been used and in some cases has reached a depth of 500 metres (Peru);

(g) Paleo-oceanographic surveys. Paleo-oceanographic surveys with sediment evidence have provided information about the structure of the ecosystem going back to the year 1200 in the central part of the seabed corresponding to the Callao and Pisco areas (Peru).

3. Can any information lacunae that must be filled be identified?

The group identified a series of information lacunae and the following series of available information, which needs to be retrieved:

(a) Remote sensors. Mexico mentioned the availability of information from remote sensors covering an area between latitudes 3°N and 33°N for the interpretation of a number of physical and biological surface parameters.

Ecuador stated that it had a similar station whose coverage overlapped geographically with the coverage indicated by Mexico but which did not as yet provide operational products. Chile observed that it too possessed that type of information, while Colombia and Peru said that they generated sea surface temperature maps with information from remote sensors;

(b) Ocean buoys. Mexico raised the issue of ocean buoys. Ecuador stated that there had been an attempt to install buoys in the countries of the region but that, owing to acts of vandalism, they had had to be withdrawn. Peru noted that its buoys project had met the same fate. The attempt to collect information far from the coast needed to be strengthened in order to fill information lacunae;

(c) Measurements of pH, carbon absorption (ppCO2 in the ocean-atmosphere interface) and oxygen minimum depth. Measurements are taken during regional cruises of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific; however, since this information is not intercalibrated, its use in the regular process is difficult;

(d) Anecdotal information. Mention was made of the importance of including stories and information which may prove useful in the analysis of marine and coastal processes even though they lack the necessary scientific rigour. There are established protocols for the objective reclaiming of such information;

(e) Patterns of coastal circulation. Experts from Panama commented on the importance of determining circulation patterns in coastal areas and charting the morphology of the seabed to identify the habitats of species, for example, to study the distribution of larvae as a bioindicator of El Niño/Southern Oscillation. Other countries analysed different bioindicators;

(f) Non-recurrent monitoring. Recurrent monitoring at the country level focused on areas of interest (ports, protected areas) and there were no general bioregionalization maps;

(g) Heat flows, water quality, fresh water flows. Projects could be promoted that focus on interdecadal variations normally associated with problems relating to El Niño/Southern Oscillation, but which could help in the analysis of other variables;

(h) Scattered data exist. The World Wide Fund for Nature and countries are in general agreement that a great deal of information is available, but that there is a lack of resources to process and collate all this information;

(i) Study of priorities for conservation of the seas. The Nature Conservancy is resuming the work it carried out in 2007 on priorities for the conservation of the seas and coasts of South America, and has offered to make the results of this work available to the regular process. The Nature Conservancy will also continue its work on the Humboldt Current;

(j) Information beyond 200 miles. The work of the Group of Experts will be extended to cover a comprehensive assessment of the ocean, and while the region is in a position to conduct an analysis of the coastal zone and, in some regards, as far out as 200 miles, there is also a need for an expert appraisal of the state of the rest of the ocean, including zones beyond national

jurisdictions (high seas). This will require support from experts in the western South Pacific (Australia, New Zealand and the island countries of the South Pacific) acting in concert with experts in the eastern South Pacific. It was also pointed out that there is a great deal of information on zones beyond national jurisdictions in oceanographic institutions that regularly operate scientific fleets with global reach.

4. What assessment procedures have been established informing decision-making in the region?

These procedures did not constitute a separate topic of discussion, however it was clearly established that within the region there is a well-developed set of oceanographic data and analytical capacity. The socio-economic impact of El Niño/Southern Oscillation on the region has made this a special focus of attention, with the existence of cooperative research programmes and national programmes on mitigation of its impact.

5. What development of capacities is required?

The Group identified short-term training needs in the following areas:

(a) Technical support for the maintenance of equipment and sensors;

(b) Greater number of experts able to conduct research on climate change with reference to oceans;

(c) Development of projects and research capacity on palaeoclimatology at the regional level, including effects on marine coastal areas (corals, sediments, ice cores, etc.);

(d) Monitoring of harmful algal blooms by remote sensing;

(e) Capacity to organize databases using standardized formats and tools for access by the public (Google).

B. Working Group II: biological sciences

Coordinator: Mr. Patricio Bernal

Rapporteur: Ms. Andrea Rueda (Colombia)

1. What assessments exist that might be useful in the regular process?

(a) Regular assessments exist of fishing activities by national fishing industries in all the countries of the eastern South Pacific region. The assessments are conducted periodically and serve as the basis for the annual adoption of fishing regulations. The assessments are not collated on a medium- or long-term basis. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) prepares a periodic compilation of aggregated fishing and aquaculture data, and has a historical data analysis series covering more than 25 years;

(b) Secondly, within the region there exist ad hoc assessments incorporating biological aspects, conducted in connection with a wide variety of marine environment issues. For example, artisanal fishing, coastal zones, port infrastructure, biodiversity and protected areas, sea-based and land-based pollution, ballast water. In general these assessments cover a smaller area and are limited to a single aspect.

2. If there are no useful assessments available, is there unevaluated information that can be used?

In the south-east Pacific region there exists a great quantity and variety of scientific and technical information on environmental issues and the use of resources. This information is available in the form of:

(a) Scientific and technical publications subject to anonymous review;

(b) Published technical reports, available in the form of limited edition documents and maintained in documentation centres;

(c) Unpublished technical reports. Such documents exist in great numbers and contain very valuable information in terms of regular reporting on and assessment of the marine environment. These reports are available in the archives of public and private institutions responsible for their preparation. In general such reports are generated in accordance with a regular cycle. This is true, for example, of reports on the status of species which are fished on an industrial or artisanal scale, as well as of many environmental impact assessments of investment projects in coastal zones, or major infrastructure projects (ports and Panama Canal).

3. Can any information lacunae that must be filled be identified?

The Group of Experts taking part in the workshop agreed that geographical coverage of the information varies. In general, more data and biological information exist and there is better coverage in coastal zones. With the exception of the fishing industry, whose ocean surveys and assessments normally extend to the limits of the exclusive economic zone, there is a great dearth of environmental information and data in the region beyond the coastal and littoral zone and the adjacent continental shelf.

4. What assessment procedures have been established informing decision-making in the region?

(a) The assessment procedures with the longest history and greatest institutional support are those conducted by States;

(b) With regard to other uses, there are State regulations and international commitments (Lima Convention, London Convention) regarding protection of the marine environment that give rise to intermittent assessment exercises. Assessments of marine pollution are available in the region;

(c) States possess statistics on the application of land-based or sea-based pollution standards, as well as of regulations governing maritime shipping, and treatment and use of ballast and bilge water (GloBallast programme). Recent assessments exist collating this information with appraisals of its impact at the national and regional levels.

5. What development of capacities is required?

(a) The south-east Pacific Group of Experts acknowledges the need to generate capacity to analyse the ocean environment in zones beyond national jurisdictions;

(b) Assessment of widescale processes at the level of the entire South Pacific basin is of great importance in understanding and predicting the

behaviour of biological resources, particularly those exhibiting migratory behaviour (birds, turtles, mammals and pelagic fish species) in the south-east Pacific region;

(c) Information on this vast ocean region of the South Pacific is scattered, and has not been summarized and collated, although it exists in the form of reports of scientific expeditions, historical records of fishing activities (fishing fleets) and a large number of scientific publications. Emphasis was placed on the significant increase in databases on biodiversity from 5 million entries in 2005 to over 32 million georeferenced records in 2011;

(d) The south-east Pacific region Group of Experts considered it essential in the short term to strengthen the capacities of the competent technical bodies with regard to integrated assessment methods. The drivers, pressure, state, impact, response methodology adopted by the United Nations General Assembly as the conceptual basis for carrying out this first cycle of integrated assessment of the marine environment, while known in the region and widely used in the terrestrial environment, has thus far not been regularly used in marine environment assessments. Note should be taken of the fruitful exchange of information between experts from the west coast of the Americas, from Mexico to Chile.[4]

C. Working Group III: socio-economic aspects

Coordinator: Mr. Alan Simcock

Rapporteur: Ms. Elsa Galarza (Peru)

10. The Working Group on socio-economic aspects gave comprehensive replies, first providing a brief description of the institutional framework in each Member State, then focusing their remarks on questions 1 to 3, distinguishing between the scope of each in respect of three areas: fisheries, transport and biodiversity, before moving onto short-term capacities requirements.

1. What assessments exist that might be useful in the regular process?

2. If there are no useful assessments available, is there unevaluated information that can be used?

3. Can any information lacunae that must be filled be identified?

(a) **Fisheries**. Macroinformation exists on employment, production and exports (value and quantity). There also exist environmental impact assessments of sensitive areas and zoning maps showing conflicts; artisanal fishing and quality of life survey and baseline (October 2011); and scattered diagnostics of some fisheries, such as the small pelagic species fishery, with a view to establishing a system of fishing quotas. Recent ecosystem impact studies also exist, as do comprehensive economic analysis studies, some based on the drivers, pressure, state, impact, response methodology. Economic assessment studies have relied on production function methodologies, from the

[4] In this connection the representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia taking part in the workshop indicated that the Living Oceans Foundation conducts training programmes for fellows in marine biology from which Latin American experts have benefited, and that the Foundation is now conducting a coral reef research expedition, whose findings are public and available to experts in the south-east Pacific region.

standpoint of contribution to fisheries and tourism. Studies exist on industrial fishing for anchovies and hake (socio-economic analysis and bioeconomic estimates), as do databases of studies of artisanal fishing (structural surveys I and II of artisanal fishing off the Peruvian coast) and studies on the marketing of hydrobiological products. Various thesis studies. Food security studies with FAO: promotion of the consumption of fish. Studies of specific basins carried out by the National Natural Resources Assessment Office in the 1970s and 1980s;

(b) **Transport and other sectors**. Assessments exist of individual ports, of the tourist sector and of the use of beaches and national parks connected with the sea. Master land-management plans that in some cases include economic assessment of coastal marine zones. Economic impact assessment of ballast water with a view to regulating maritime transport. Economic assessment of water resources and biodiversity;

(c) **Biodiversity**. Economic assessment of marine reserves and their relationship to the installation of thermal power plants. Methodology for the economic assessment of coastal systems in various countries (ecosystem approach). Treatment of mangroves in proximity to communities and economic assessment of the benefits of mangroves. Regional master plans containing information on protected marine areas (biodiversity). Qualitative cultural (ethnographic) studies of perceptions of the change in value of the resources of indigenous communities. However, this cannot be quantified.

4. What evaluation procedures have been established informing decision-making in the region?

5. What development of capacities is required?

(a) Need to incorporate georeferencing information systems for ecosystem-focused analysis;

(b) Improvement of information and monitoring systems. Need to improve professional capacities with regard to economic issues;

(c) Need to compile base data, which is difficult and costly;

(d) Improve information systems that can be shared;

(e) Strengthen methodology for economic assessment (instrument);

(f) Pilot project in Chile to harmonize economic assessment methodologies.

III. Discussion

11. Following the presentations in the working groups, a general discussion and exchange of ideas was held by the experts, participants and observers on the outcome of the workshop. The main aspects of the discussion are summarized below:

(a) Bearing in mind the importance of the marine environment for humanity, participants in the workshop recognized that it provided an opportunity for countries to initiate specific actions to attain the objectives defined by the United Nations to

further the regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects. In this regard, they reiterated the need to secure a commitment from Governments to further all the stages and cycles of the regular process, with the support of their experts;

(b) At the level of the South Pacific region, participants noted the existence of a significant accumulation of information on the physical, biological and socio-economic aspects of the marine and coastal zone. However, this information does not permit the immediate application, without additional work, of integrated analysis methodologies. It was further noted that there is an obvious disparity between the quantity of physical and biological information available and information relating to socio-economic aspects;

(c) Participants considered it important to expand, as a matter of urgency, the database of information on the continental shelf of each country, and to extend it to areas beyond the continental shelf towards waters beyond national jurisdictions, in particular with regard to matters relating to ocean processes and biodiversity;

(d) The workshop determined that there was an urgent need for training to develop competencies that would improve the skill levels of experts in the region in matters within the purview of the regular process, especially in the drivers, pressure, state, impact, response methodology agreed on by the United Nations for use in analyses;

(e) The region contains expert capacity to address the commitments established in the guidelines for the regular process, which could be supported by experts from outside the region, and by the Group of Experts on the Regular Process appointed by the United Nations;

(f) Although each country is developing a significant set of research and other activities in areas of importance to the regular process, initiatives at the regional level in these areas are still inadequate, in view of which the capacities and competencies of the countries of the region must be strengthened;

(g) Experts in the region agreed to compile and make available to the regular process information available in the public domain identified during the workshop. This information will form part of the list of documents of importance to the regular process, information which the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific will add to the database of assessments and other information already in existence, which will be made available to all the experts.

IV. Results and conclusions of the workshop

12. There follows a list of the most significant results and conclusions of the workshop, adopted at the final working meeting, following consultation with all participants. The experts participating in the workshop agreed to highlight and identify the following as priorities:

(a) The need to follow the timetable for the regular process (annex II) within the established time frame, in view of which it was considered necessary for experts to request their respective Governments to constitute, as soon as possible, a group of experts on the basis of the criteria defined in annex I to document A/66/189, no later than October 2011;

(b) Recognize that, independently of the financial resources provided by the United Nations, the countries of the region must, through the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific and the United Nations Environment Programme, in particular its regional seas programme, encourage all Governments, international and intergovernmental bodies, and multilateral funding agencies, to make additional financial resources available to facilitate the conduct of the regular process;

(c) Creation in the region of a system of communication and follow-up to the regular process, allowing implementation of effective working and coordination mechanisms;

(d) Need for analysis and assessment of the existing information, background and knowledge to be complemented by subsequent analyses of the original studies, where relevant, by experts in the region, provided that they are in a position to support the regular process;

(e) Need to promote the establishment of a coordination mechanism for the conduct of assessments in ocean areas beyond national jurisdictions, in particular, with the participation of the littoral States of the western South Pacific;

(f) The importance of holding technical workshops in the region to promote horizontal South-South cooperation in the training of experts in the region.

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Identical letters dated 6 December 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia dated 5 December 2011 regarding the holding of Russian Parliamentary elections in the occupied Georgian territories by the Russian Authorities (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Alexander **Lomaia**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the identical letters dated 6 December 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia regarding the holding of Russian Parliamentary elections in the occupied Georgian territories by the Russian Authorities

Tbilisi, 5 December 2011

On 4 December 2011, the Russian Federation, violating the fundamental principles of international law, illegally held elections to the State Duma in the occupied Abkhazian and Tskhinvali regions without the consent of the Central Government of Georgia. The Russian Central Election Commission opened 12 so-called "electoral districts" in the occuped territories. The constituency participating in the elections was represented by the segment of the local population which, as a result of the illegal policy of passportization, possesses Russian passports and by personnel of the Russian occupation forces.

In doing so, the Russian Federation has once again violated universally accepted principles of international law. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia calls upon the international community to adequately assess the mentioned violation.

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Identical letters dated 5 December 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I attach herewith a complaint regarding Israeli enemy forces which, on 29 November 2011, fired artillery shells towards Lebanese territory (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nawaf **Salam**
Ambassador
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Annex to the identical letters dated 5 December 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On 29 November 2011 between 0105 hours and 0120 hours, Israeli enemy forces fired four 155 millimetre artillery shells towards Lebanese territory. The shells landed on the outskirts of Ayta al-Sha'b and Rumaysh at the following coordinates: Q:719852-N:663317, Q:719567-N:663325 and Q:719828-N:663315.

This action is a flagrant infringement of Lebanese sovereignty, Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), international law and the Charter of the United Nations, and a threat to international peace and security.